

Wildly Successful in 2007!

The Wildlife Center received 106 unique species of native Ohio wildlife in 2007.

Through the cooperation and concern of the public, these injured and/or orphaned animals are brought to us for care, rehabilitation and eventual return to the wild.

Lake Metroparks operates under permit with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

This year we treated more than 2,000 animals and returned more than 50% of them back into the wild. We are proud of our release rate, as injured and/or orphaned wild animals are often in shock, traumatized or severely injured when we receive them. Our continuing research, pre-release conditioning and attention to detail help us become ever more successful in our release rates.

Below is a list of animals treated in 2007:

Songbirds

American Crow, American Goldfinch, American Robin, American Tree Sparrow, American Woodcock, Baltimore Oriole, Barn Swallow, Belted Kingfisher, Black-capped Chickadee, Blue Jay, Brown-headed Cowbird, Carolina Wren, Cedar Waxwing, Chimney Swift, Chipping Sparrow, Common Grackle, Common Nighthawk, Common Yellowthroat, **Dark-eyed Junco (T)**, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Bluebird, Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Phoebe, Field Sparrow, Gray Catbird, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Hairy Woodpecker, **Hermit Thrush (T)**, House Finch, House Wren, **Least Flycatcher (T)**, Mourning Dove, **Northern Bobwhite Quail (SC)**, Northern Cardinal, Northern Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-winged Blackbird, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Song Sparrow, Swainson's Thrush, Tufted Titmouse, White-eyed Vireo, **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (E)**, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Waterfowl and Shorebirds

American Coot, Canada Goose, Caspian Tern, Common Loon, **Common Tern (E)**, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Herring Gull, Horned Grebe, Killdeer, Lesser Scaup, Mallard, Mute Swan, **Piping Plover (E)**, Red-necked Grebe, Ring-billed Gull, Ring-necked Duck, **Ruddy Duck (SI)**, Tundra Swan, **Virginia Rail (SC)**, Wood Duck

Raptors

American Kestrel, Barred Owl, Broad-winged Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Eastern Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, **Northern Harrier (E)**, Peregrine Falcon, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, **Sharp-shinned Hawk (SC)**, **Short-eared Owl (SI)**, Turkey Vulture

Mammals

Beaver, Eastern Chipmunk, Eastern Cottontail Rabbit, Eastern Fox Squirrel, Eastern Gray Squirrel, Groundhog, Little Brown Bat, Long-tailed Weasel, Muskrat, Red Squirrel, Southern Flying Squirrel, Virginia Opossum, White-tail Deer

Reptiles and Amphibians

American Toad, Common Map Turtle, Midland Painted Turtle, Eastern Milk Snake, Northern Brown Snake, Red-spotted Newt, Snapping Turtle, Spotted Salamander

Species in bold are listed species in the state of Ohio

E = Endangered

T = Threatened

SC = Species of Concern

SI = Special Interest

ENDANGERED: A native species threatened with extirpation from the state. The danger may result from one or more causes such as habitat loss, pollution, predation, interspecific competition or disease.

THREATENED: A species whose survival in Ohio is not in immediate jeopardy, but to which a threat exists.

SPECIES OF CONCERN: A species that may become threatened in Ohio under continued or increased stress. Also, a species for which there is some concern, but for which information is insufficient to permit an adequate status evaluation.

SPECIAL INTEREST: A species that occurs periodically and is capable of breeding in Ohio. It is at the edge of a larger, contiguous range with viable population(s) within the core of its range. These species have no federal endangered or threatened status, are at low breeding densities in the state and have not been recently released to enhance Ohio's wildlife diversity.