
TALES FROM THE TREE

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My Robin's Story

I was walking to school with my friends when one of them pointed to a pink speck on the wet sidewalk. As we approached the little thing, we began to realize that it was a baby bird. We studied it trying to figure whether it was alive or not, then suddenly it opened its beak and took a gasp of air.



We stayed there looking for a nest, or a parent, but neither was in sight. My friends wanted to leave it, thinking it was a lost cause, but I couldn't leave it to die alone, not even being able to see or hear. I called my mom and the only solution she had was to leave it as food for another animal. "It's the circle of life sweetie, there's nothing we can do."

I began to well up with tears, unable to leave the little bird, so I kept texting my mom until I guilted her into coming and getting it. She picked it up and put it in a plastic bag so it would keep warm. She began to ask around what she should do to save the bird. A person suggested calling **Tims Ford State Park**; she did, and they told her about **Ziggy's Tree Wildlife Rehabilitation Center**. She called Ms. LouAnn and brought the bird over. Right away Ms. LouAnn got to work on building the bird's health.

A couple weeks later Ms. LouAnn sent us a picture of my baby bird. It had the feathers of a robin! I was so happy that I didn't leave my robin for death. And now, it is almost ready to be released! I'm completely amazed at how my baby bird went from gasping for life on a sidewalk to a healthy bird who is ready to live its life. Thank you Ziggy's Tree!



Dana Bjorn; 13 years old

American Robins

American Robins (*Turdus migratorius*) are one of the species we most often admit at Ziggy's Tree. They fledge (leave the nest) a few days before they can fly, and are often victim to free-roaming cats. They usually nest in trees, but will also occasionally nest on buildings. The parents will raise at least 2 clutches of babies each year, averaging 4 babies per clutch. The young are incubated for 12-14 days, and leave the nest at 14-16 days. Both parents tend to the young. The youngsters are generally self-sufficient by the time they are a month old.

Their diet includes earthworms, snails and other bugs, as well as fruit and berries when insects are less available.

NEWS

The weather this year has certainly caused some unusual activity for us. Our squirrel intakes this spring were about average, but with a lot of those babies being females, we are expecting that this fall and next spring could mean we'll be seeing a lot more baby squirrels.

Our songbirds have also arrived on a different schedule for us this year. We took in nearly 150 babies in May (about twice the normal number). So far this year, we've taken in 310 baby birds and another 50 adults. And we still have about 6 weeks of baby season to go! We're pleased to report that our release rate is around 75% this year, so most of these orphaned and injured birds are able to be returned to their natural habitats!

Our Barred Owl release in February was featured on the front page of the Winchester Herald Chronicle. What a great opportunity to educate the public on the work we do and how to help wildlife.

We are thrilled that our volunteer base has expanded. The extra hands have helped keep cages clean, birds fed, and our songbird rehabilitator sane.

We are also very grateful for the generosity of our rescuers and donors. With the fire at Walden's Puddle in June and their limited ability to take in new patients during their clean-up and construction, we were able to step in and assist with wildlife intakes and care. We're glad we could be here, both for the sake of the animals and the wonderful people who rescued and transported them to us.

QUOTES FOR THE QUARTER

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do."

Edward Everett Hale

"Nothing but what you volunteer has the essence of life, the springs of pleasure in it. These are the things you do because you want to do them, the things your spirit has chosen for its satisfaction. The more you are stimulated to such action the more clearly does it appear to you that you are a sovereign spirit, put into the world, not to wear a harness, but to work eagerly without it."

Woodrow Wilson

"Success, happiness, peace of mind and fulfillment – the most priceless of human treasures – are available to all among us, without exception, who make things happen – who make 'good' things happen – in the world around them."

Joe Klock

WISH LIST

- Bird Seed
- Gift cards (grocery store, Lowe's, Home Depot, Tractor Supply)
- LCD Projector
- Heating Pads (without automatic shut-off)
- Laundry Detergent
- Nuts (pecans, walnuts, acorns)
- Vegetables (broccoli, carrots, kale, potatoes)
- Paper Towels

SUPPORT ZIGGY'S TREE

- Become a member – just complete the application on the back of this newsletter, or visit our website to download and print an application.
- Give a gift membership to a friend!
- Purchase items from our wish list.
- Donate newspapers (we use those to line cages and cover the tables under the cages)
- Select us as your charity for the Kroger Community Cares program – we'll be e-mailing more details on this new program (which starts September 1) in the near future, but it's a great way to support us just by doing your regular grocery shopping!
- Like us on Facebook and stay updated on releases, admissions and other news.
- Invite us to speak to your church or civic group – we love to tell people about the work we do!

Check our website at www.ziggystree.org for other ways you can support us!



Barn Owls – just two of the hundreds of animals you can help with your donation.

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Bjorn, Angela Hensley, LouAnn Partington
Transport: Carol Bailey, Vollie Stone, Hannah Coffey
Webmaster: Leigh Butler, Dana Bjorn

2014 RELEASES

February	1 Barred Owl
April	1 Northern Flicker 1 Fox Squirrel
May	1 Cooper's Hawk 1 Great Horned Owl (re-nest) 1 Summer Tanager 1 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 4 Virginia Opossums 5 Eastern Cottontails 5 Carolina Wrens 1 House Finch 1 Brown Thrasher 2 American Robins 1 Carolina Chickadee 4 Mourning Doves
June	15 Carolina Wrens 1 Great Blue Heron 1 Mourning Dove 24 Virginia Opossums 5 Tufted Titmice 9 Common Grackles 2 Chipping Sparrows 1 American Kestrel (re-nest) 1 Northern Mockingbird 1 Canada Goose 29 Eastern Gray Squirrels 14 Mallards 4 Northern Flickers
July	6 Eastern Bluebirds 8 Barn Swallows 1 Mourning Dove 3 Blue Jays 4 Tree Swallows 9 House Finches 1 Chipping Sparrow 1 Song Sparrow 14 American Robins 6 Northern Mockingbirds 1 Northern Cardinal 2 Brown-headed Cowbirds 9 Eastern Cottontails 1 Eastern Chipmunk 1 Red-winged Blackbird

The robin featured in our cover story was released in July with three other robins. You can view the video of the release on our Facebook page.

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