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# TALES FROM THE TREE

*The Quarterly Newsletter of Ziggy's Tree Wildlife Rehabilitation Center*



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## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT SUPPORTS SQUIRREL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

I have always had a fascination for animals, so much so it has led me to Ziggy's Tree Wildlife Rehabilitation Center for my Eagle project. My project was to build cages and nest-boxes for squirrels at Ziggy's Tree. When we visited the wildlife rehabilitation center, Angela showed us a cage and nest-box. We took measurements and started the project.

With the measurements, we created templates made out of foam board for the nest-boxes. This allowed us to know how much we needed for all nine nest-boxes. We didn't create a template for the cages, we built those to the measurements that were taken. We used cedar wood for the frames and lined the cages with one inch by half inch chicken wire.

On July 13th the scouts from troop 362 came over to help build the nest-boxes. I instructed them on how they should assemble the boxes with a screw gun. We delivered the cages and nest-boxes to Ziggy's Tree and Angela said she was very grateful.

Glen Buchanan  
Troop 362



For assistance with orphaned or injured mammals or general questions about mammals, call or text Angela at 615-631-2205.

For assistance with orphaned or injured birds or general questions about birds, call LouAnn at 931-393-4835 or 931-841-9781.

For assistance with injured turtles, contact Rachel at 615-587-2977.

***Looking for a project for your scout troop, church, school or civic group? We'd love to have more squirrel nest boxes, and could also use small bluebird or woodpecker boxes to use with our young cavity nesting birds. Contact us for more information.***

## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Thanks to our 62 participating families in the Kroger Community Rewards program, we've received our third quarterly check for \$307.34. The funds we receive annually through this program are now covering approximately 6 weeks of our operating costs.

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And please ask your friends and family to enroll and support us!



## HERE'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

We've had an extremely busy second half of the year. This fall, most of the other rehabilitators in the area have either closed to intakes or severely limited intakes, so we've admitted an unusually high number of baby squirrels for the fall crop of youngsters. In fact, it looks like we'll be over-wintering a record number of squirrels with our current patient load at 105.

In addition to our small mammal program, we are also admitting turtles that will be with us until next spring. Turtles typically brumate (their version of hibernation) during the colder months. This means that if we cannot release them in time for them to locate a safe place to spend the winter, or if they have injuries which require continued treatment, they will stay with us until the weather warms up.

Our baby songbird season is over until next April. At this time of the year, we admit injured adult songbirds and are also caring for birds of prey, including Screech Owls, Barred Owls and a Cooper's Hawk. Two of our more unusual intakes this year were Bald Eagles. Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) requested we take temporary custody until transport could be arranged to the American Eagle Foundation in east Tennessee. One of the eagles was successfully released to his home territory after spending 4 months recuperating at AEF, but sadly, the other had such severe injuries that he was humanely euthanized after an evaluation by AEF's consulting veterinarian.



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## VOLUNTEERS

Sami Green, Valerie Bjorn, Sherri Pierce, Vollie Stone,  
Stefan and Courtney Fudge, Angela Hensley, LouAnn  
Partington, Rachel Singer

## 2019 RELEASES

### July

1 Red-bellied Woodpecker  
11 Carolina Wrens  
3 Song Sparrows  
1 Northern Cardinal  
6 House Finches  
5 Blue Jays  
1 Tufted Titmouse  
1 Wood Thrush  
7 American Robins  
2 Eastern Phoebes  
1 Cliff Swallow  
6 Chimney Swifts  
15 Eastern Gray Squirrels  
1 Eastern Box Turtle

### August

5 House Wrens  
1 Carolina Wren  
8 Northern Mockingbirds  
2 Brown Thrashers  
1 Red-bellied Woodpecker  
6 Chimney Swifts  
6 American Robins  
1 Scarlet Tanager  
1 Eastern Bluebird  
2 Blue Jays  
39 Virginia Opossums  
4 Eastern Box Turtles

### September

1 Carolina Wren  
1 Ruby-Throated Hummingbird  
1 Northern Mockingbird  
28 Virginia Opossums

### October

5 Eastern Box Turtles  
1 Savannah Sparrow  
13 Eastern Gray Squirrels

### November

1 Barred Owl  
1 Eastern Screech Owl

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