

Sierra Wildlife Rescue

**Serving to Rescue, Rehabilitate and Release
El Dorado County's Wildlife**

**Presentation to the El Dorado County
Fish and Wildlife Commission**

July 31, 2024



Mission Statement

*Sierra Wildlife Rescue (SWR) strives to
preserve El Dorado County's wildlife through
rescue, rehabilitation, and release;
and to provide wildlife training and conservation programs
to the public, schools, and community organizations.*



SWR Overview

- Established as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit in 1992 to serve El Dorado County's wildlife.
- Permitted by California Department of Fish & Wildlife, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the United States Department of Agriculture.
- 88 annual volunteers, 140+ seasonal volunteers, 2 seasonal full-time paid staff.
- Volunteers average 3,100 hours per month during peak activity (May-September) and 1,600 hours per month throughout the balance of the year. Roughly 26,700 annual volunteer hours.
- We rescue and rehabilitate, on average, more than 1,300 wild birds and mammals every year!
- SWR and El Dorado County Animal Services work together almost daily; the collaboration is exceptional.
- Animal Services calls SWR to handle most wildlife calls that come in from the public.
- The public calls SWR on nights and weekends when Animal Services is unavailable/closed.



Location: 777 Pleasant Valley Road

- Located in El Dorado County to serve the Western Slope of the County
- The SWR Center is located in Diamond Springs
 - Provides space to triage incoming wildlife, space for year-round education and training classes, and is home to the Baby Bird Nursery, where over 750 songbirds are housed and rehabilitated each year during the months of May through August.
- Outside the SWR Center, we rehabilitate raptors and mammals at satellite locations



Organizational Structure

- General Membership
- Board of Directors (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, 7 Members at Large)
- Directors of Animal Care (Mammal Team, Avian Team)
- Team Leaders for each mammal and avian species
- Satellite rehabbers for all species outside of songbirds
- Manager of the Baby Bird Nursery (BBN)
- Baby Bird Nursery Staff Assistants (Wildlife Technicians)
- Shift Volunteers for BBN
- Volunteer Songbird Flight Cage Coordinator
- Education and Outreach Team Leader
- Education Ambassador Handlers and Keepers



SWR Teams

- Mammal Team
 - Bats
 - Fawn
 - Fox, Coyote, Bobcat
 - Opossum
 - Raccoon
 - Skunk
 - Squirrel
 - Rabbit/Hare
 - Transportation
- Avian Team
 - Baby Bird Nursery
 - Doves/Pigeons
 - Raptors
 - Winter Songbirds
 - Transportation
- Education & Outreach
 - Education Ambassadors
 - Isabeau (Izzy)
 - Lionel
 - Raspberry
 - Ruby
 - Whisper
 - Zuri



Our Ambassadors



Ruby - Opossum



Raspberry - Ringtail



Our Ambassadors



Izzy
Red-tailed Hawk



Lionel
Great Horned Owl



Whisper
Northern Spotted Owl



Zuri
Western Screech-Owl

Statistics

- Funded by public donations (60%), memberships (10%), fundraising events (16%), and grants (14%)
- Educational outreach events – In 2023, over 3,000 people reached at 38 events in El Dorado County
- Avian and mammal species cared for in:
 - 2020 = 1455+
 - 2021 = 1525+
 - 2022 = 1240+
 - 2023 = 1325+
- Voted best place to volunteer 3 years in a row by Style Magazine



Questions?

