

NATIONAL WILDLIFE CENTRE



SPRING 2023

It's Baby Season!

Spring is here! One of the first signs of spring is the return of wildlife to our backyards. Animals are becoming active, awakening from winter sleep, migrating and breeding. This also means wildlife baby season is here!

Spring Safety Tips - Protecting Wildlife This Season

Prevent Window Collisions



Window collisions are a significant threat to migratory birds. Windows can deceive birds by reflecting the outdoors or showing indoor plants through clear glass. In Canada, window collisions kill between 16 and 42 million birds per year. Covering a window with a pattern can make it more visible to birds and prevent collisions. You may create a pattern by hanging cord from the top of windows or with any visual markers, decals, window films, tape, cut-outs or paint you wish. Check out these helpful tips from [Fatal Light Awareness Program \(FLAP\)_Canada](#).

Practise Safe Driving

As we emerge out of winter slumber and become more active, so do wildlife. Vehicle collisions with wildlife are highest during dusk and dawn hours, when light levels are lower and animals are more active. Here are a few measures we can take to reduce the risk of being involved in a collision:

- Watch for posted animal warning road signs - these signs are a reminder to remain alert and cautious and to keep an eye out for wandering wildlife
- Slow down! The safest thing you can do is take your time and follow the speed limit. Speeding decreases your ability to react appropriately behind the wheel, and steer away from unexpected wildlife on the road



Mindful Spring Cleaning

Be mindful when trimming trees or hedges, and clearing brush. Wildlife may have taken shelter in these spots through winter, and birds may have already started building their nests. Before trimming, cutting, clearing, raking or mowing, carefully check your yard for any hidden wildlife friends.

Patient Stories



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Young White-Tailed Deer

Harsh winters can be tough enough for wildlife. This young white-tailed deer didn't have much of a chance when up against a high powered arrow near Rosseau, Ontario. The deer was shot with an arrow, penetrating the little buck's left front leg. He was left to fend for himself. We are not sure how long he was limping, but he was lucky - a concerned member of the public noticed him and our team was called to assist. Thanks to the efforts of Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary and our medical team at the National Wildlife Centre we were able to successfully remove the arrow, repair the resulting wound and immediately release him back into the wild! This is the little fellow in the photo below, after waking up from his sedation. A portion of the arrow is also shown.



Baby Raccoon

This baby raccoon and her little brother were found wandering around at a construction site in Toronto on March 13, presumed to be orphans. Upon examination, our medical staff discovered an injury to her right front leg. After treatment and bandaging, she was transported to Procyon Wildlife Centre to recover. The story doesn't end here! The mother and additional siblings also needed medical attention and the family was reunited. They will remain in the excellent care of Procyon Wildlife Centre until the raccoon kits are older and more mobile, when they will be released back into the wild.





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Red-Tailed Hawk



This Red-tailed hawk was found this spring on the side of Highway 402 in rough shape. The hawk was suffering with a broken leg and severe head trauma, likely due to a collision with a motor vehicle. To help save this hawk's life, the medical team performed surgery on the broken leg and administered pain medications and fluids to treat the head trauma. The hawk has a long road to recovery, but is improving daily, thanks to the excellent care provided by Bluewater Centre for Raptor Rehabilitation. We wish a speedy recovery for our hawk patient!

Everyday Can Be Earth Day! Let's Preserve Canada's Wildlife

April 22 was Earth Day. This year's Earth Day theme was, "Invest in Our Planet" We can all invest by recognizing the connection between Earth Day and wildlife and taking small actions to help our wildlife and help our planet.

Support by volunteering and/or donating

Become a wildlife foster care provider

[Make your yard wildlife friendly](#)

Be an educated consumer

Stand-up for wildlife



National Wildlife Centre helps Species at Risk, from bobolinks to blanding's turtles.
We help them all!

We Need Your Help!



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We have great news! We are planning to break ground to begin building our new Field Hospital! The steel framing will go up this summer, and we now need to begin to gather the materials to build. If you know of anyone who is willing to donate, here's what we need:


lumber hardware tyvec insulation plywood drywall weatherstripping baseboards
doors windows paint appliances vapour barrier wall panels sub-flooring
electrical wire light fixtures HVAC shelving sinks cupboards tables
volunteer plumbers electricians builders trades people




If you can help us with these in-kind donations, please reach out to development@nationalwildlifecentre.ca for more details.
Thank you for your help!

You Can Help Wildlife Today

We need your support! If you want to help wildlife, please consider a donation of any amount. There are many ways to give:

 **Consider Donating Monthly** to help keep our medical team on the road (this would help cover costs for medicine and our mobile hospital)

 **Provide a One-Time Donation** - Did you know it costs between \$500.00 and \$900.00 in materials alone to perform many complicated orthopaedic surgeries?

 **Remember Wildlife in your Estate Planning** - your legacy can live on

Your generous support helps protect Canada's wildlife. Join us on this important mission!



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