

2023

# ANNUAL REPORT



**Tidewater  
Rehabilitation &  
Environmental  
Education**

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A 501(c)(3) non-profit benefiting wildlife and the environment of the greater Tidewater region



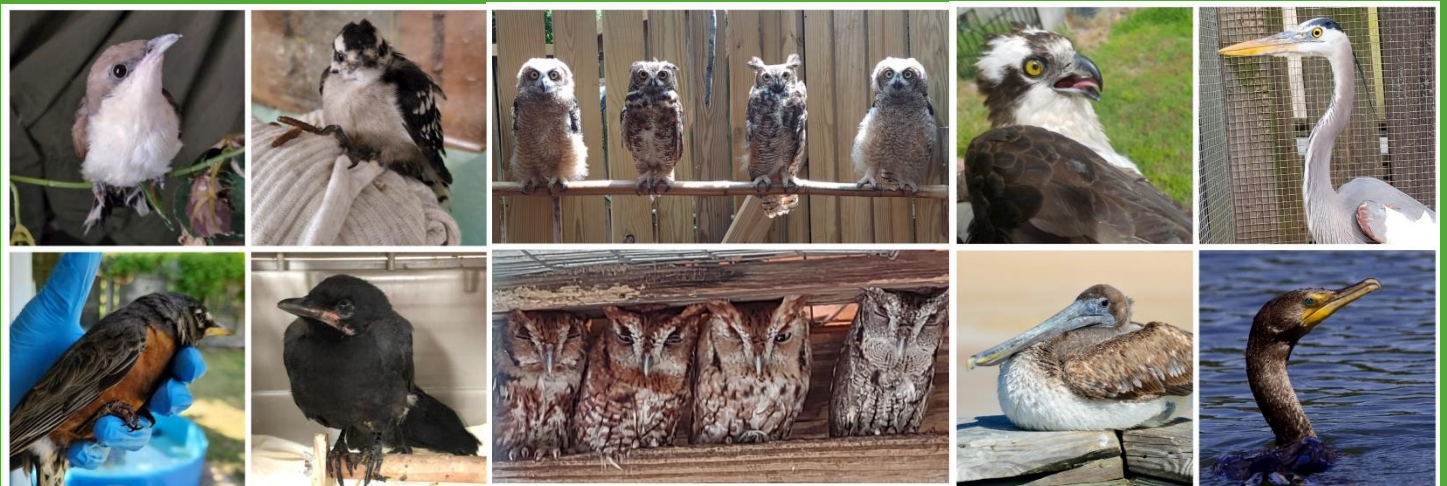
## OUR MISSION AND VISION

Tidewater Rehabilitation and Environmental Education has made its mission to reduce the impact of human activities on wild birds and their habitats through avian rehabilitation and education of the greater Tidewater community.

It is our vision to establish a regional standard in avian rehabilitation and environmental education, fostering a supportive environment within our communities for the protection and welfare of wildlife and migratory bird species.

## OUR YEAR IN SUMMARY

Thanks to the gracious support of our donors and volunteers, we provided food, shelter, medical care, enrichment, and relief to 1,190 patients this year to include endangered, protected, and special status species. Additionally, through our outreach and education programs we helped 14,500 individuals learn about the wildlife around them.





## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear friends and supporters of TREE,

Over the past three decades, Tidewater Rehabilitation & Environmental Education and its predecessors have had the privilege of rehabilitating thousands of animals, spanning across various species including mammals, birds, amphibians, and reptiles. Your unwavering support, dedication, and love for our organization have been instrumental in these accomplishments.

Today, we wish to share an important announcement that marks a significant turning point in TREE's mission. Starting 2024, we will be realigning our focus to better support the magnificent raptors and seabirds of the greater Tidewater region. We will no longer be accepting mammals, and most reptiles and amphibians into our care.

The decision to shift our focus towards birds and waterfowl was not made lightly. It comes after careful consideration of the unique needs and challenges faced by the avian species in our region. While there are many remarkable organizations dedicated to the welfare of mammals, there are very few that specialize in seabird rehabilitation.

By concentrating on birds, we aim to have a more substantial and lasting impact on the ecological well-being of our beautiful Tidewater area. This transition will also allow us to allocate resources, time, and expertise more efficiently, making a positive difference where it is most needed.

Rest assured, TREE will continue to provide occasional care for reptiles and amphibians, as their needs often overlap with the avian species we will be primarily focused on. We remain dedicated to our education and conservation efforts, and our commitment to wildlife advocacy will not waver.

We want to express our gratitude to all of you who have supported us throughout the years, whether through donations, transporting patients, volunteer work, or simply by believing in our mission. Without your support, none of our past accomplishments would have been possible, and we look forward to your continued involvement as we embark on this new journey.

Please join us in this transition and help us continue to protect and preserve the extraordinary raptors, seabirds, and waterfowl of our area. Thank you for being part of the TREE family and for your dedication to the natural world. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of the birds who grace our skies and waters, today and in the years to come.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Lisa Barlow, LVT

President, Tidewater Rehabilitation & Environmental Education

PATIENT STATISTICS

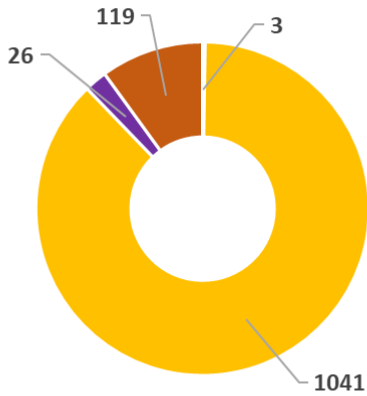
**Endangered, Threatened, and Special Status Species**

Eastern Box Turtle  
 Belted Kingfisher  
 Common Tern  
 Northern Gannet  
 Virginia Rail

Snapping Turtle  
 Black Skimmer  
 Green Heron  
 Sanderling  
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Peregrine Falcon  
 Brown Thrasher  
 Laughing Gull  
 Seaside Sparrow  
 Yellow-crowned Night Heron

2023 Patients



■ Amphibians ■ Birds  
 ■ Reptiles ■ Mammals

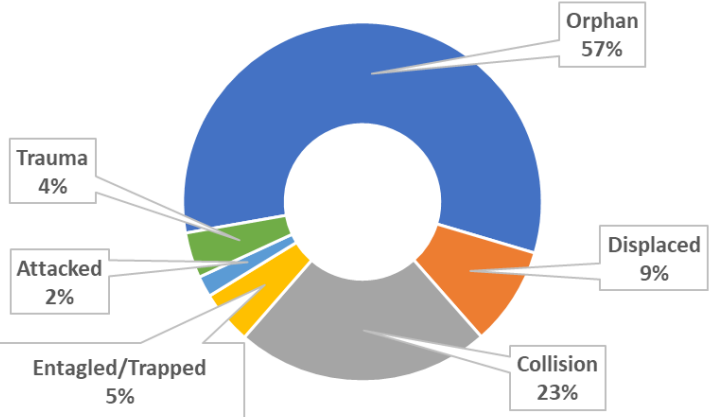
**1,190**

Patients Admitted

**110**

Species Admitted

Reason for Admittance



■ Orphan ■ Displaced  
 ■ Collision ■ Entagled/Trapped  
 ■ Attacked ■ Trauma

**44**

Patients  
Overwintering

**3**

New Species  
Admitted

**Our Most Frequent Patients**

Mallard Duck



229

Canada Goose



143

American Crow



83

Grey Squirrel



75

## SPECIES LIST

### AMPHIBIANS

American Bullfrog	1
Green Tree Frog	1
Southern Spadefoot	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>

### MAMMALS

Eastern Cottontail	7
Eastern Gray Squirrel	75
Grey Fox	2
Groundhog	5
Meadow Vole	4
Mole sp	4
Red Fox	4
Shrew Sp	5
Virginia Opossum	12
White-footed Deermouse	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119</b>

### REPTILES

Black Rat Snake	2
Broad-headed Skink	2
Common Snapping Turtle	3
Diamondback Terrapin	1
Eastern Box Turtle	7
Eastern Mud Turtle	2
Eastern Painted Turtle	1
Eastern Ratsnake	2
Northern Water Snake	1
Red-eared Slider	4
Turtle Sp	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>

### BIRDS

American Bittern	2
American Coot	1
American Crow	83
American Goldfinch	1

American Kestrel	5	Herring Gull	22
American Robin	2	House Finch	2
Bald Eagle*	9	Laughing Gull	20
Barred Owl	10	Lesser Black-backed Gull	3
Belted Kingfisher	1	Mallard	229
Black Scoter	1	Merlin	2
Black Skimmer	2	Mississippi Kite	1
Black Vulture	6	Mourning Dove	5
Bobwhite Quail	1	Northern Cardinal	1
Bonaparte's Gull	1	Northern Flicker	2
Broad-winged Hawk	1	Northern Gannet	3
Brown Pelican	49	Northern Mockingbird	1
Brown Thrasher	4	Northern Waterthrush	1
Canada Goose	143	Osprey	26
Carolina Wren	1	Peregrine Falcon	2
Clapper Rail	7	Red-bellied Woodpecker	3
<b><i>Common Gallinule</i></b>	<b>2</b>	Red-shouldered Hawk	11
Common Grackle	6	Red-tailed Hawk	16
Common Loon	21	Ring-billed Gull	19
Common Nighthawk	1	Sanderling	1
Common Tern	15	Sandwich Tern	3
Common Yellowthroat	1	<b><i>Seaside Sparrow</i></b>	<b>2</b>
Cooper's Hawk	27	<b><i>Snow Goose</i></b>	<b>1</b>
Double-crested Cormorant	20	Sooty Shearwater	2
Dovekie	4	Sora	1
Downy Woodpecker	1	Sparrow sp	2
Eastern Bluebird	1	Tufted Titmouse	1
Eastern Screech Owl	12	Tundra Swan	1
Fish Crow	4	Turkey Vulture	3
Great Black-backed Gull	5	Virginia Rail	2
Great Blue Heron	31	Warbler sp	1
Great Egret	67	White-winged Scoter	1
Great Horned Owl	5	Wild Turkey	1
Great Shearwater	10	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2
Green Heron	19	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	61
Green-winged Teal	2	Yellow-rumped Warbler	1
Grey Catbird	2	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1041</b>

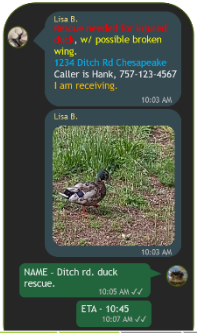
\*Bald Eagles are stabilized by TREE and then transferred to a permitted wildlife hospital

***Bold and italics*** are new species

## EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

### EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

This year, TREE organized two informative classes for wildlife rehabilitators and the public. The Parasitology session engaged 14 attendees in the examination of material samples, allowing them to identify common parasites affecting frequently rehabilitated species. Additionally, our Bird Rescue 101 class attracted 16 participants. During this session, attendees gained valuable insights into the intricacies of the rescue and rehabilitation process, learning essential techniques for safely handling injured birds.



**Dispatch**

- Species
- Injury
- Address of bird/caller
- Caller contact info
- Where the bird is going

**Claim**

- Name
- Species/location claiming
- ETA to location

Dispatch Claim Contact Assess Capture Transport Rehabilitate

13

Education and outreach events

14,500

Members of the public engaged

30

Educational class attendees



### OUTREACH EVENTS

TREE took advantage of many events in the Tidewater region from the Osprey Festival in Colonial Beach, to Earth Day at Mt. Trashmore in Virginia Beach to educate the public about different challenges wildlife faces in our region. These efforts included learning about the damage rodenticides can cause on local wildlife, bird identification, and the impacts of habitat loss and human activity on wildlife.

### Social Media Impact



B-day Fundraisers

13



Posts

133



Followers

+516

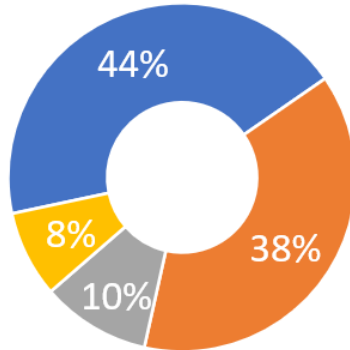


Interactions

160,816

## FINANCIALS

### 2023 Income (est.)



- Social Media
- Individual
- Corporate
- Merchandise

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#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Income gained from donations provided through social media campaigns and birthday fundraisers.

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#### INDIVIDUAL

Donations that are provided by individuals through our website, at an education or outreach event, or a cash donation.

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#### CORPORATE

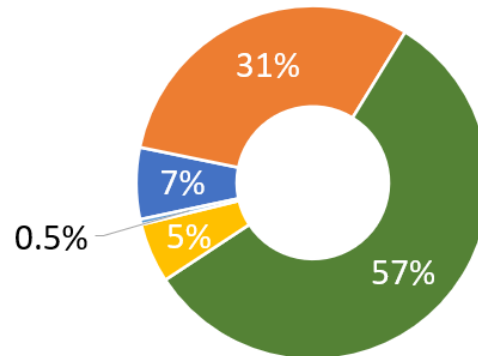
Donations provided by or on behalf of local businesses who support our work.

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#### MERCHANDISE

Income gained from the sale of t-shirts or other goods at education and outreach events.

### 2023 Expenses (est.)



- Education
- Rehabilitation
- Rehabilitation: Food
- Fundraising
- Administration

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#### EDUCATION

Expenditures pertaining to our Ambassador program, printed materials such as brochures and cards, multimedia resources, travel expenses to and from educational events.

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#### FUNDRAISING

Vendor fees, payment processing charges, and subscriptions for services such as PayPal.

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#### REHABILITATION

Expenses associated with transportation, medical care, prescriptions, facilities maintenance and supplies.

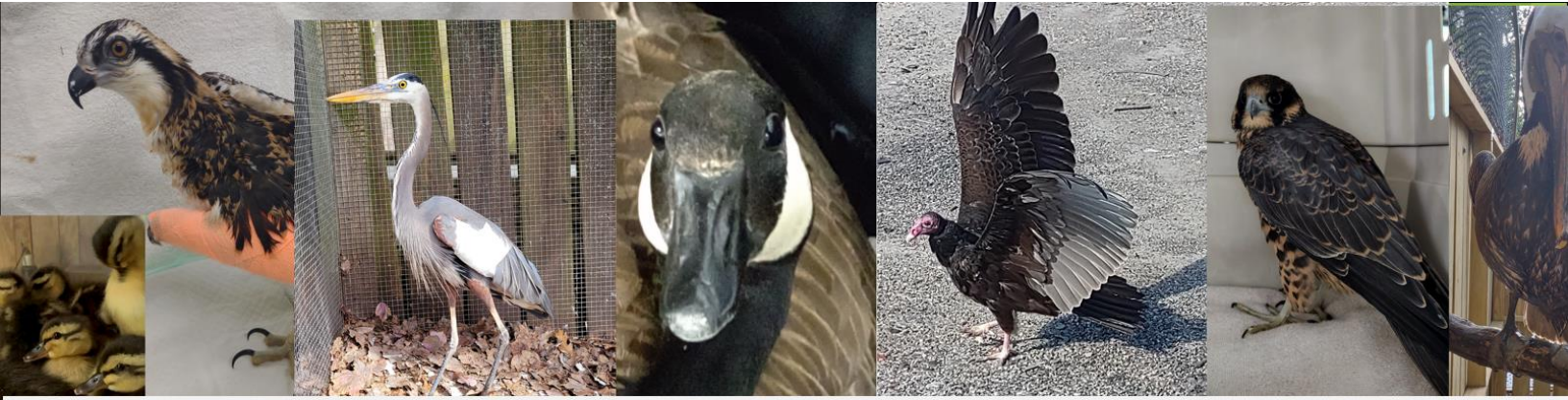
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#### ADMINISTRATION

Website maintenance and domain name registration, state registration filing fees.

Our EIN is 84-4925645. This document precedes our 2023 Form 990 submission to the Internal Revenue Service. For our latest financial information, you can look us up on ProPublica.org or Guidestar.org







# THANK YOU!




Thank you for being part of the TREE family and for your dedication to the work we did during this last year. We have big goals for 2024, and we'd like you to be a part of them. Follow us on social media to keep up with the work that we do and the animals we help.

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TREE would also like to extend a special thanks to the wonderful staff at the following practices who provide invaluable services to our patients:

