

## Logan Tyson

### Seasonal Wildlife Rehabilitator

Logan arrived in late April to start a six-month stint at Wolf Hollow. She is originally from North Carolina where she attended N C State University and graduated with a BS in Zoology and a minor in wildlife science. In the past she has worked in a variety of settings including a zoo, a vet clinic and a wildlife rescue center in Costa Rica. Through these experiences she has been able to work with a variety of species including exotic pets, big cats, elephants and sloths. While she enjoyed working with exotic species, she is now shifting her focus back to the wildlife she studied in college, which brings her to Wolf Hollow. She is happy to be gaining more hands-on experience and learning skills of the wildlife rehab field that she couldn't learn in a classroom.



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*40 Years  
Caring for Wildlife*



*Black-tailed Deer Fawn*



### Goodbye Aspen

Aspen was a beautiful Rough-legged Hawk who was one of our resident Education Birds at Wolf Hollow for many years. He came to the rehab center in 1995 when he was only a few months old, after he had flown into powerlines on Orcas Island and broken his wing. We treated the injury and hoped that it would heal well enough for him to fly again, but sadly his wrist joint was damaged and he never recovered full use of his wing. We got permission to keep him as an education ambassador bird, and for many years he accompanied our Education Coordinator to presentations and children's activities to help educate people about the beauty of wildlife and the man-made hazards they face. Sadly, Aspen passed away in early April at the age of 28. We will miss his cheeping calls and his bouncy attitude to life.



## Timing is everything!

In early June, some people on San Juan Island cut down a tree in their yard. When they went back the next day to chop it up, they found four baby Northern Flickers hidden in a hole in the trunk. They were only a few days old and had hardly any feathers, so they were cold and weak and had gone for over 24 hours without food. We quickly put them in an incubator to warm up, but sadly, one of the nestlings died shortly afterwards. The other 3 youngsters gradually recovered, began to gape for food and over the next couple of weeks grew at an amazing rate. Soon they had all their feathers, were climbing around on branches and were making the loud raucous calls we'd expect from healthy young flickers.

The sad part is that every year thousands of nests are destroyed when people carry out this type of work during nesting season. Our first baby animals of 2023 were baby squirrels that needed care when their nest tree was cut

down, and we regularly receive nestling songbirds when their nests are destroyed by people clearing brush, trimming bushes or hedges, or doing other yard work. Nests are not always obvious. They may be high in tree branches, in holes in the trunk, hanging from twigs, and even on the ground near the base of trees or bushes, so they are virtually invisible to us. Tiny nests are hidden away and camouflaged so we don't know they are there until it's too late.

What can we all do to avoid destroying nests? The best answer is to carry out major yard work in fall instead of spring and summer. When the weather gets warmer in spring, we all want to get out and "tidy up" our yards and gardens, but if a tree really needs to come down, maybe it could be felled in September/Oct rather than in May/June. If bushes are getting unruly and need to be trimmed back, perhaps you could do this in October, and be all set for the following spring. By late summer and fall, most young songbirds have grown up and flown off, so the risk of nestlings being injured or made homeless is much lower. Old songbird nests are unlikely to be used again the following year and often fall apart during the winter

months anyway, so less damage is done.

Of course, it's not only yard work that can destroy nests. Work we do on our houses, like replacing siding, repairing roofs and gutters or pressure washing and painting, can also damage nests. A few days ago, we received 6 nestling Barn Swallows for care when their nests were knocked down by pressure washing. They were wet, cold

and bruised from their fall. This is so sad, because, if the people had just waited a few weeks to do the pressure washing, the baby swallows would have grown up and flown off. We weren't sure these tiny nestlings would survive, but they slowly recovered in the warmth of an incubator and by the next morning were happily gaping to be fed a special diet every 30 minutes. They were lucky. Many baby swallows are killed in this way every year.

There are so many ways that our activities have negative impacts on wildlife. Some are unavoidable or difficult to change, but others are easier to avoid with simple changes to when or how we carry out work.

Being aware of nesting season and timing gardening or house renovation activities to avoid these peak months can make a huge difference to our impacts on our wild neighbors.

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*Barn Swallow nestlings*



*Young Northern Flickers*



## News in Brief

- Mar 9 Baby season began with the arrival of 2 tiny Grey Squirrel kits.
- Apr 21 We welcomed Seasonal Rehabber Logan Tyson.
- Apr 22 Our first baby bird arrived. A tiny hatchling LBB (Little brown bird) Species unknown.
- May 9 Rianna Dean from Washington State University arrived as our first rehab intern of 2023.
- May 16 Our second intern Kate Thorne, also from WSU, joined us.
- May 20 Lots of kids had fun with our Woodland Wildlife Detectives game at San Juan Island Children's Festival.
- May 30 Rachel Rothman travelled all the way from Florida to be our third rehab intern.
- Jun 3 Our Howl at the Moon musical event was a great success.
- Jun 3&4 Over 350 people visited our education booth at Anacortes Waterfront Festival.
- Jun 13 Fourth intern Nicolette Clawson joined the team.
- Jun 14 Education intern Skylar Stekly, from Port Townsend, WA, arrived.
- Jun 27 Saige Carpenter from Tumwater WA joined us as our 5th rehab intern of 2023.

### Coming Soon

- Jul 8 Anacortes Kids R Best Fest
- Aug 16-19 San Juan County Fair, Visit our education booth in the Green Village



River Otter kit

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### Our Mission

*To promote the well-being of wildlife and their habitats through rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife, public education, and non-invasive research.*

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Wolf Hollow Staff, Board, and Volunteers

## Open House 2023

Over 60 people braved the cold, windy weather to take guided tours of our facility, meet staff, board members and volunteers, and enjoy a slice of our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake. We'd like to thank everyone who came to visit and all the people who helped make our Open House a success.

### Special thanks from Wolf Hollow staff and board to:

**Kraig Hanson** of San Juan Transit for providing a shuttle bus to ferry guests to and from Friday Harbor,  
**Chase Anderson** for taking lots of great photos  
**Parin Columna** for being parker-in-chief.  
**Janna Kessinger** for her help with setting up for the event.  
**Katrina's Secret Kitchen** for making the delicious cake.  
**Bill Cooper** for the beautiful bird houses he donated.

## Howl at the Moon

A great celebration was had by all at our Howl at the Moon event on June 3rd. It was a glorious sunny day for a fun, energetic event. Tommy Dale and the Dangerfield's were in perfect form, treating everyone to their dulcet tones and high energy. Everyone enjoyed cake, snacks, and drinks next door at Anchors Away Sky Bar, and families enjoyed educational activities and dancing to the beat. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this fun event happen.



## Local Boy Scouts Help Out

Several boys from the local Sea Scout Troop helped us out by moving loads of pea gravel to cover the floors of 2 enclosures in the woods and by moving a big pile of wood shaving to cover wet spots on paths between cages. Thank you for all your hard work boys!

## Girl Scout Work Weekend

Every year since 2008 (except 2020 and 2021) Girl Scout Troop 41873 from Snohomish has come to Wolf Hollow for a spring work weekend. This year they were accompanied by leaders and young scouts from a neighboring troop. The girls spent a day and a half cleaning, scrubbing, trimming back blackberries, weeding, planting flowers and generally sprucing up our facility in preparation for our open house and the summer baby season. They also brought lots of items from our Wish List and delivered our order of delicious Girl Scout Cookies. A big THANK YOU to the girls and their leaders for all their hard work and sunny smiles.



## Internships at Wolf Hollow

During Wolf Hollow's busy summer season, when an abundance of wildlife comes through our facilities, it is important to have many sets of helping hands. We offer about eight rehab intern positions per season to provide this care. From May to October, rehabilitation and education positions are allotted to students who are passionate in their field.

Our rehabilitation interns jump into a hands-on learning process with our staff and animals. They carry out vital tasks such as preparing diets, feeding animals, maintaining habitats, and light facilities maintenance work. Workdays are often 5 days per week, 8am-4pm, but can extend into the late evening or to midnight feeds, as the needs of injured and orphaned wildlife don't fit neatly into a regular work schedule. Our rehab interns say they have learned a great deal about wildlife work through observation of the range of animals in our care and their interactions with staff.

There is also one education intern each season, who helps to raise awareness of local wildlife and understanding of Wolf Hollow's role in caring for them. This intern participates in weekly discussions about the wildlife of the San Juans with the public at local parks and helps run our education booth at local events. They design and carry out activities for children's summer camps, and practice lesson planning for a range of audiences. This position requires enthusiasm for public outreach and for developing a dialogue about the wild creatures living around us.

Wolf Hollow's internships are an essential part of the center's mission and daily work during our busy summer season. Interns are responsible for taking care of injured and orphaned wildlife and encouraging people to understand more about the wild creatures that live around them. In return, we hope these internships enrich their own lives, creating a unique work experience with wildlife that will lead them on to future career paths.

To meet our 2023 interns, please visit our website:

[wolfhollowwildlife.org/news/meet-our-seasonal-rehab-staff-and-interns/](http://wolfhollowwildlife.org/news/meet-our-seasonal-rehab-staff-and-interns/)

By Skylar Stekly  
Education Intern

## Statistics thru June 2023

### Number of Animals

Birds	116	66.0%
Mammals	58	32.9
Amphibians / Reptiles	2	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>176</b>	

### Causes

Orphaned/Separated	34	19.3%
Hit by Car	34	19.3
Nest Destroyed	19	10.8
Cat attack	16	19.1
Hit Window / building	10	5.9
Fell from nest	8	4.5
Human Interference	8	4.5
Dog attack	4	2.3
Unknown	27	15.3
Other	16	9.1
(netting, traps, poison, disease)		

### Results

Released	49	27.9%
Euthanized on Arrival	45	25.5
Dead on Arrival	33	18.7
Euthanized	9	5.2
Died	6	3.4
In Treatment (end June)	34	19.3
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Intern holding a Great Horned Owl

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