A Success Story: Vulture Reunion

By Cindy Alverson

RAPTOR Inc. is a firm believer that the best care for a healthy raptor is provided by its own species. Our goal is to treat injured raptors and release them back into the wild. If a healthy baby raptor is admitted, we reunite it with the parents. If the parents are no longer living, we try to find a foster parent.

Last year RAPTOR Inc. received a call on May 28 about a baby vulture wandering around the grounds after its barn had been torn down and its parents were gone. So we started looking for some vulture parents to foster the one remaining vulture from the Brown County nest site.

Vultures are easily imprinted, and we knew we needed to find a home as soon as possible. Since our imprinted turkey vulture, Earl, does not work out as a foster parent, and we did not know of any active nest sites in the Cincinnati area, we called the nearest raptor rehab center, Glen Helen, to see if they had a nest site for the youngster. We were in luck! They had an uninhabited house which had a nest with two youngsters about the same age as our orphaned vulture.

Immediately, our transport volunteer, Zan Smith, picked up the baby vulture from Brown County and drove to Yellow Springs and Glen Helen. The bird was introduced to the other vultures, and after a few days we received a call from Glen Helen. The youngster had joined the other vultures and all were being cared for by the adults. Success!

RAPTOR’s Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

By Cindy Alverson

Being a volunteer organization, there is nothing more important than the safety and well-being of our volunteers, staff, members and visitors. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, RAPTOR Inc. is taking the following preventative actions through Monday, April 30. However, we realize this could be a moving date and we will respond accordingly.

Under Governor DeWine’s “Directors Stay at Home Order” https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/DirectorsOrderStayAtHome.pdf, RAPTOR Inc. can continue to provide care for our raptors. Section 7 of page 3 states, “Healthcare and Public Health Operations also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals.”

The Raptor Center is open with minimal staffing to accept injured/ill birds for treatment and to care for the birds residing at the facility.
- Call ahead at (513) 825-3325 for instructions before dropping off an injured bird. If we do not answer, listen to the message and follow the instructions to reach our emergency dispatcher.
- The Raptor Center is closed to visitors.
- All educational programs and tours (on-site and off-site) are canceled until at least April 30. Refunds will be offered.

We are taking extra safety precautions, including:
- We are practicing social distancing.
- Our team is following enhanced cleaning protocols.
- Non-essential travel has been cancelled.
- Non-essential personnel are being asked to stay home or work from home.
- Meetings, continuing education, and other events at the Raptor Center are postponed until further notice.

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Mission: Since 1978, RAPTOR Inc. (Regional Association for the Protection and Treatment Of Raptors) has been dedicated to “the rehabilitation and return of raptors to their natural environment, the education of the public on the importance of raptors, and the preservation of their natural habitat.”
Vulture: The Private Life of An Unloved Bird

Review by Erica L. Locke

Two of the most memorable experiences I have had with RAPTOR Inc. involved vultures. The first was meeting Earl (RAPTOR’s resident turkey vulture ambassador) and realizing how different vultures look close-up than I imagined.

From a distance, you would think vultures were plain black, but Earl’s feathers are beautifully iridescent — a mixture of black, brown, and blue — and when you meet her eyes, she returns your gaze calmly and with a surprising depth. The second was helping to deliver a young orphaned turkey vulture, still helplessly fuzzy white, with a black head, and blue eyes, to a barn in rural Ohio to join its new foster family. There was just something absurdly cute about this baby bird hopping along the dusty floor to join its new siblings.

In the years since, I have become one of the vulture’s biggest fans: my sister and sister-in-law both received vulture plushies for their newborns; and my license plate reads “TUVU.” I also flew halfway across the country to Tracy Aviary in Salt Lake City with the express purpose of visiting Andy N. Condor, perhaps the only Andean condor in the world you can join for a morning walk. I even have vulture earrings. And, until recently, I thought I was pretty much alone in this fan club. Then I read Katie Fallon’s book, _Vulture_.

_Vulture_ tells the story of its namesake bird through a mixture of science, mythology, and personal narrative. The focus of the book is turkey vultures, but it includes research on other New World species, such as black vultures and condors, as well as Old World vultures. Throughout the book, Fallon describes the latest science on vultures, including studies of their migration, senses, and natural history, as well as the challenges that vultures face around the world. I particularly enjoyed the sections devoted to vultures in mythology, where I learned that Egyptians believed vultures were the ideal mothers.

Interspersed throughout the book are personal stories of Fallon’s experience with vultures, both as patients at the Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia (ACCA), which Fallon co-founded with her husband Jessie, and through her travels in search of vultures. We learn about Lew, a non-releasable turkey vulture in ACCA’s education program with whom Fallon develops a personal bond, and Esmerelda, a rehabilitated vulture that was released with the first transmitter fitted on a bird from West Virginia. Fallon also shares her experiences visiting Vulture Festivals in Ohio and Arizona (there are vulture festivals?! Sign me up!), trekking the American West in hopes of catching a glimpse of a California condor, and traveling to India for Thirukkulundram’s Eagle Temple — once home to the now endangered Egyptian vulture.

Fallon closes the book with an in-depth list of what individuals can do to support vulture conservation. Although turkey vulture populations in North America are stable, globally vulture populations are in crisis. According to Birdlife International, 11 of 16 vulture species in Africa, Asia, and Europe are at risk of extinction in our lifetimes. In North America, recovery of the California condor still has a long way to go. Beyond the loss of these magnificent birds, there are major potential ramifications for people if vultures go extinct, including more rapid spread of diseases that vultures help keep in check by cleaning up carcasses. Some key actions that you can take to help vultures include:

- Supporting the work of conservation groups, like RAPTOR Inc. at home or VulPro abroad, that rehabilitate, educate, and research vultures.
- Switching or supporting the switch to non-lead ammunition for hunting, thus preventing toxic lead fragments from being left in vultures’ and other scavengers’ food supply.
- Challenge negative opinions about vultures and encourage your fellow humans to appreciate them.

Whether it is for their role in keeping our environment clean, or their beauty and unique charm, we can all find something to love about this traditionally unloved bird.

COVID-19 Response (Continued from Page 1)

Prevention and awareness are important to reduce the spread of the disease:

- Stay home.
- Avoid people who are sick, and avoid going out in public if you think you might be sick.
- Call your physician if you experience a fever and respiratory issues.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Regularly disinfect objects and surfaces in your home and workplace.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Wash your hands often. Use soap and water, and wash for at least 20 seconds.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented situation. In the coming days we will be working to find ways to connect our community to the birds in our care. Please refer to our social media or our website at www.raptorinc.org for further updates.
Kipra Gets a Second Chance

By Connie Kilgore and Cindy Alverson

On November 11, 2019, Tom and Connie Kilgore looked out their window and noticed a great horned owl on the ground in their back yard. Mockingbirds were harassing the owl, which was not flying away. This made Connie and Tom think the owl may be injured, so they called RAPTOR Inc. for advice.

Jackie from RAPTOR Inc. advised them that RAPTOR Inc. would be happy to treat the bird, but the challenge would be getting the bird to the Raptor Center safely. Jackie advised she was on her way; in the meantime, if they could try to get the bird contained, such as under a box or even a laundry basket, that would be very helpful.

Unfortunately, the owl was not cooperative and hopped down the yard and into a steep creek bed before Jackie arrived.

When Jackie arrived, she was armed with long thick gloves and a towel. She climbed down to the creek bed and attempted to throw the towel over the bird. Unfortunately, the owl kept hopping just out of reach. Several attempts were made to catch the bird, but the owl’s small size and desire not to be captured kept it moving farther down the creek bed and into denser foliage. Soon the terrain became impassable. Jackie advised to keep watching for the bird and if it came back up to an accessible area (like near the neighbor’s chicken coop), we could try again to catch it.

The Kilgore’s returned home and contacted their daughter-in-law, Kipra. They informed her about their owl adventure and they all decided to try to catch the owl again after breakfast. Kipra arrived prepared with boots, gloves, and a determined spirit. Equipped with walking sticks, a sheet, and a large box, the trio set off. Tom located the bird in a branch of a fallen tree not far off the ground, but again, the bird began to hop farther up the creek. The creek was not in the same condition that it had been in several summers ago when the Kilgore’s used to hunt for fossils along its banks. Neighbors had discarded old tires, pool liners, beer cans, and various metal things into the creek. Fallen trees, likely from the Emerald Ash Borer infestation, were everywhere, and invasive honeysuckle choked and entangled everything in its path. All that remained was a narrow creek with small pools of water and slippery rocks.

The injured owl navigated the hazardous terrain much easier than the rescuers. Twice Kipra tried to encircle the bird by climbing up the steep muddy bank holding on to anything she could. Tom and Connie followed close behind.

At one point the creek took a sharp turn, which created a barrier of trash and limbs. Kipra was able to climb up the bank and come down in front of the owl. Tom was able to grab onto a wire fence and climb down on the opposite side of the owl. Tom took his walking stick and tapped on the rocks to distract the bird, while Kipra rushed in and threw the sheet over it. Kipra was able to grab the owl’s legs while Tom helped to cover the bird with the sheet. Connie rushed down with the box and the bird was secured inside.

Connie shuddered when she saw the legs and talons of the large owl and thought about the damage the bird could have caused to Kipra. Filled with pride at Kipra’s bravery, Connie was excited that they were able to successfully rescue the injured bird. Kipra asked Tom what he was going to name the bird, and Tom said, “Kipra!”

The three rescuers transported the owl to RAPTOR Inc. The examination determined that the owl had a fracture of the ulna in the left wing near the wrist. The bird was treated at the Raptor Center for 12 weeks and was released back to the wild on February 2, 2020, with the bird’s joyous rescuers present to wish it well.

No release celebration is complete without owl-shaped cookies

The Kilgore’s wasted no time once she was released...
Volunteer Spotlight: Jeff Hays

By Alison Bewley

In order to carry out its mission, RAPTOR Inc. relies on an army of volunteers. Volunteers are responsible for transporting injured raptors, presenting educational programs, cleaning mews, rehabilitating birds, and everything in between.

Jeff Hays has been volunteering for RAPTOR since 1990, starting with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ Peregrine Falcon release project. A longtime board member, he is currently the president of RAPTOR Inc., as well as a research associate on the Red-Shouldered Hawk Study in Southern Ohio.

Due to their limited distribution in Ohio, red-shouldered hawks were once considered a “species of special concern.” Now, though, thanks to how much green space is around Cincinnati and the species’ tolerance of human disturbance, the hawks are succeeding in local suburban habitats. The Red-Shouldered Hawk Research Team has been monitoring the hawks living and nesting near Cincinnati for the past fifteen years, researching what allows these birds to persist and thrive here. More information about the project can be found here: http://www.redshoulderedhawkstudy.com/index.htm.

Jeff has been monitoring red-shouldered hawks near Cincinnati and Hocking Hills for eighteen years, and has co-authored papers on their eating habits, home ranges, nest site selection, and productivity. His favorite part of volunteering at RAPTOR is banding the birds that are released back into the wild, and he enjoys receiving updates about the birds post-release. He also likes to teach the public about the natural history of local raptors.

For his day job, he works at Madisono’s Gelato and Sorbet.

If you’re interested in volunteering your time or talents at RAPTOR, please go to our website at raptorinc.org and click on “Volunteer” under the “Support Us” tab.

Cincy Zoo Grant Helps Treat Lead Poisoning

By: Christi Nakajima and Jackie Bray

Every year, staff at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden are given the opportunity to request grant funds for conservation projects that are personally important to them. This year, the conservation committee had a particularly hard time choosing which projects to fund, as a large number of highly compelling proposals were received. Senior Aviculture Keeper and RAPTOR Inc. Volunteer, Kimberly Klosterman, submitted a proposal for a Blood Lead Analyzer on behalf of RAPTOR Inc. We are pleased to announce that her proposal was chosen for funding.

Birds of prey are significantly threatened by lead poisoning. Lead can enter the food chain in many ways. Pest species such as rodents or coyotes may not be retrieved by the hunter. Contaminated gut piles from deer may be left behind. Lead fragments that land in water can be consumed by waterfowl feeding on the bottom of the pond. Most birds of prey scavenge, and when they come across animals sick or killed through these means, they can become poisoned as a result of feeding upon such animals.

It can be difficult to accurately separate lead poisoning from other potential ailments in the birds admitted to the Raptor Center for treatment. As a non-profit, RAPTOR Inc. has limited funding for specialized blood tests. The Cincinnati Zoo Grant funds will allow RAPTOR Inc. to purchase a LeadCare II Blood Lead Analyzer System, which will give us the ability to screen more of the raptors admitted to the rehabilitation center for lead toxicity. Birds with lead toxicity can be treated effectively if the blood levels of lead poisoning are not too high and treatment is initiated quickly.

RAPTOR Inc. wishes to extend our sincere gratitude to Kimberly Klosterman and the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden for supporting our rehabilitation efforts. The new equipment will improve our ability to treat local birds of prey suffering from lead toxicity and help us return more of these beautiful creatures back to the wild where they belong!
Cooper’s Hawk Recovers after Hazardous Material Encounter

By: Jackie Bray

Anyone who has seen a Cooper’s Hawk in pursuit of prey can attest to their incredible speed, agility, and tenacity. That tenacity, however, can sometimes get them into trouble. Their single-minded mission to capture that pigeon or starling can lead to window collisions, vehicle strikes, warehouse entrapments, or worse.

On December 13, 2019, we received a call about a Cooper’s Hawk trapped inside a warehouse. The hawk had chased a pigeon into the building and made the capture, but could not find its way out. Unfortunately, the bird did not heed the signs on the doors to the building, warning that protective equipment was required to enter. The building was filled with powdered calcium oxide, also known as quicklime. Quicklime is quite hazardous. It can cause severe skin burns, eye damage, respiratory irritation; and it even may cause cancer.

Concerned employees spent several hours trying to coax the bird out of the building, to no avail. They then called RAPTOR Inc. for assistance. While we were organizing a team to help, the employees were able to catch the bird. Company manager, Charles Norris, transported the bird to Northern Kentucky songbird rehabilitator, Virginia Rood. We then arranged to have a volunteer pick up the bird and bring it to RAPTOR Inc.’s Raptor Center.

On admission, Jackie Bray examined the bird. It was covered in quicklime dust, both eyes were swollen and tightly closed, and one toe was injured. After donning protective equipment, Jackie took the bird outside and removed as much quicklime dust as possible. Following the MSDS instructions for the hazardous substance, the eyes were flushed with copious amounts of water. The hawk was then isolated until it could be seen by a veterinarian.

Luckily, Dr. DJ Haeussler, Veterinary Ophthalmologist with the Animal Eye Institute, was scheduled to come to the Raptor Center that evening to recheck another bird, so he was able to treat the new hawk right away. On exam, Dr. Haeussler found that the hawk’s left eye appeared normal – the flushing had been effective. The right eye, however, had an alkali burn on the cornea and the nictitating membrane (third eyelid) was adhered to the cornea. Dr. Haeussler irrigated the eye profusely, removed all debris, surgically detached the nictitating membrane from the cornea, and applied medicated drops and ointment to the eye. He cautioned that the affected nictitating membrane may reattach to the cornea or the membrane may not function at all. In addition, he didn’t know how extensive the right eye would scar from the burn, or how much the bird’s vision would be impaired. We were instructed to keep the eye lubricated by applying the medications three times a day, and keeping the bird confined, well-fed, and hydrated. The doctor would recheck the bird in one week.

Cooper’s Hawks are quite high-strung and take extreme exception to being confined or handled, so treatment of this bird would be a challenge. Thankfully, the bird ate readily. After two days of treatment, we were excited to note the nictitating membrane of the right eye was working normally. Unfortunately, the bird aggravated the toe injury, causing the loss of the talon on the left third toe.

After seven days of treatment, the hawk was rechecked by Dr. Haeussler. To his delight, he found that the hawk’s right eye had improved significantly. There was only a mild amount of scarring on the cornea and the bird’s vision was not significantly impaired. We could discontinue the eye medications and proceed with its rehabilitation.

Because the hawk was so active in the crate, it had aggravated the toe injury again. Avian Veterinarian, Dr. Bob Dahlhausen, saw the bird for possible surgery. Dr. Dahlhausen cleaned the area well and re-attached a torn skin flap. He recommended leaving the toe unbanded and applying a topical compounded antibiotic solution to the area for one week, then rechecking the toe. The bird was also given medication to calm it down in the crate.

After one week, the bird’s toe healed well. The hawk was moved outside to the flight enclosures to assess its flight ability and conditioning. The bird immediately flew strong with no impairments, so arrangements were made for its release.

On December 31, 2019, the bird was returned to Northern Kentucky, but nowhere near the lime company! Thanks so much to everyone who worked together to help this severely injured Cooper’s Hawk return to the wild.
Thanks to the following individuals and groups for their recent financial contributions to RAPTOR Inc.

American Kestrel 1 Saw-whet Owl 0 Rough-legged Hawk 0
Merlin 0 Snowy Owl 0 Northern Harrier 0
Peregrine Falcon 0 Short-eared Owl 0 Turkey Vulture 1
Eastern Screech Owl 5 Short-shinned Hawk 1 Black Vulture 0
Barred Owl 9 Cooper's Hawk 5 Osprey 0
Barn Owl 0 Broad-winged Hawk 0 Golden Eagle 0
Great Horned Owl 7 Red-shouldered Hawk 2 Bald Eagle 0
Long-eared Owl 0 Red-tailed Hawk 15

Total 46 Under Care 18%

**2020 Dispositions**

Released 55%
Euthanized 24%
Died 3%
Transferred 0%
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**2020 Admissions**

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Contact sponsor for details, to see if reservations are required, and to verify that program has not been canceled due to public health concerns. As the dates draw near, information will be posted on our website: http://raptorinc.org/programs-open-to-the-public/.

16-May-20  2pm-3pm  Little Miami Conservancy  209 Railroad Ave, Loveland, OH 45140
17-May-20  10am-11:30am  OVCC Photo Shoot at RAPTOR Inc.  961 Barg Salt Run Rd, Milford, OH 45150
31-May-20  1pm-4pm  RAPTOR Inc. Open House  961 Barg Salt Run Rd, Milford, OH 45150
6-Jun-20  2pm-2:45pm  Fairfield Lane Library  1485 Corydale Dr, Fairfield, OH 45014
10-Jun-20  5pm-8pm  Rhinegeist Brewery Charitable Suds Fundraiser  1910 Elm St, Cincinnati, OH 45202
12-Jun-20  10am-12pm  Memorial Park Amphitheater  2003 Jackwoods Pkwy, Independence, KY 41051
13-Jun-20  11am-1pm  Wild About Birds Fundraiser  1133 Main St, Milford, OH 45150
14-Jun-20  10am-11:30am  OVCC Photo Shoot at RAPTOR Inc.  961 Barg Salt Run Rd, Milford, OH 45150
16-Jun-20  7pm-8pm  Mason Public Library at Community Center  6050 Mason Montgomery Rd, Mason, OH 45040
18-Jun-20  10:30am-11am  Main Branch Library - Children’s Library  800 Vine St, Cincinnati, OH 45202
19-Jun-20  10:30am-11am  Hamilton Lane Library  300 N 3rd St, Hamilton, OH 45011
20-Jun-20  10am-11am  Stanley Rowe Arboretum  4600 Muchmore Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45243
20-Jun-20  2pm-3pm  Little Miami Conservancy  209 Railroad Ave, Loveland, OH 45140
22-Jun-20  1pm-2pm  Paint Creek Joint EMS & Fire – Station 23  204 N East St, Hillsboro, OH 45133

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Your membership dollars provide for care, treatment, and feeding of our birds as well as the continuation of our education programs. Mark the membership level you request. All membership levels include electronic (default) or postal delivery of the newsletter, as well as an invitation to the Fall Picnic. Members are also invited to attend Board meetings and may nominate candidates to serve on the board.

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