

## Winter Visitors

By Alison Bewley

For Ohio's snowbirds, "flying south for the winter" brings to mind Florida's mild temperatures, sunny skies, and sandy beaches as a respite from biting northern cold and snow: an escape to warmer climes and relaxation. If these Ohioans are bird enthusiasts, they may think even farther south, along the major migration flyways running from North to Central and South America, following the routes of long-distance neotropical migrants, as the birds head to their wintering grounds.

Although, historically, North Americans have used the term "wintering" to describe where birds go in December, January, and February, it would be more accurate to call these southern regions the "non-breeding territory" for migrating birds. After all, winter in the northern hemisphere is summer in the southern.

Migration is driven by resource availability, with birds moving from areas of low resources to high. In our North American springs and summers, this means flying north for the abundant temperate nesting sites when food is plentiful. In our falls and winters, it means flying south, not fleeing the cold as human snowbirds do, but heading for the abundant food sources offered by warmer climates. Neotropical migrants are long-distance fliers, whose annual migrations can take them from South America's tropical forests to Canada's boreal one.

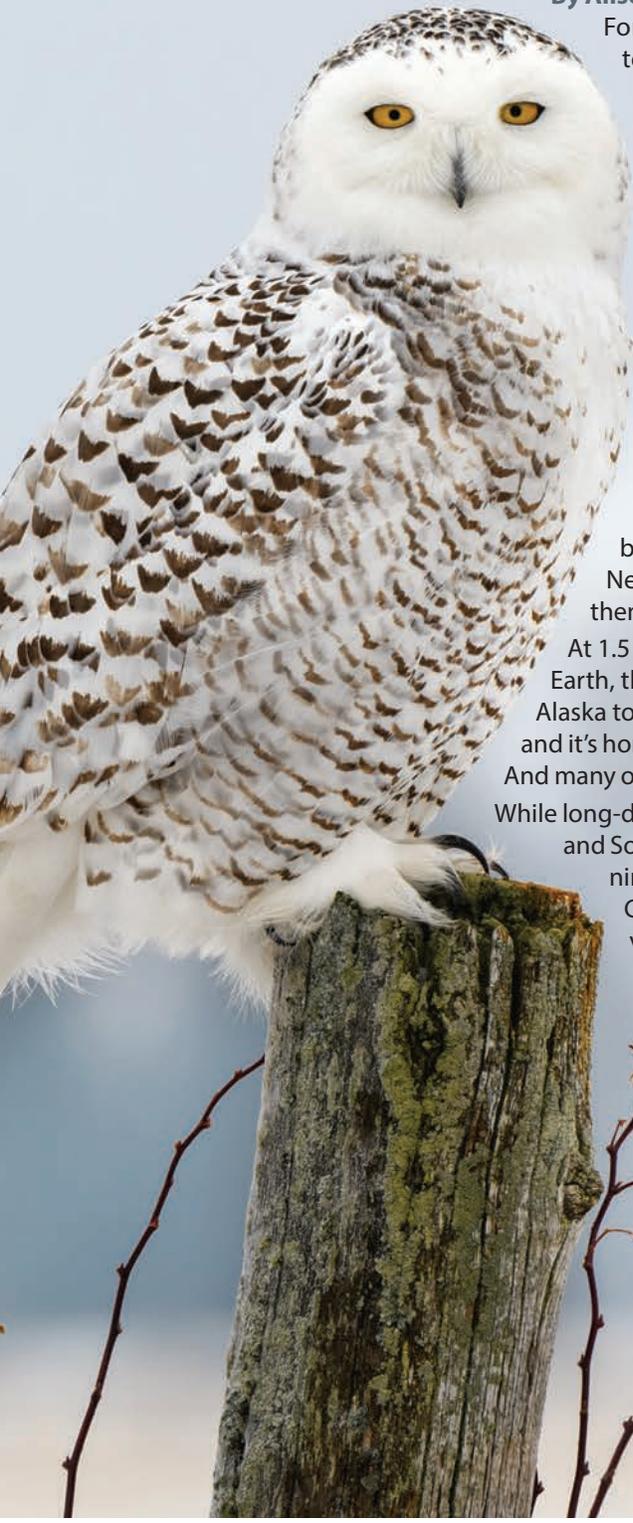
At 1.5 billion acres, the North American Boreal Forest is the largest intact forest left on Earth, thanks to the millennia-spanning efforts of Indigenous Peoples. Stretching from Alaska to Newfoundland, it comprises 25% of the world's last remaining unspoiled forest, and it's home to 325 species of birds, numbering between three and five billion individuals. And many of those species are migratory.

While long-distance migrants make the arduous journey from the U.S. and Canada to Central and South America, there are also medium-distance migrants which cover ranges spanning a few hundred miles. For boreal birds that breed in the Arctic or the forests of Canada, a few hundred miles south can land them in Ohio, bringing wintertime visitors in what many Ohioans consider an avian off-season.

Some of these visitors to Ohio are songbirds, ranging from the familiar dark-eyed junco to the occasional northern shrike, or even the very-rare-indeed pine siskin or snow bunting. But several species of raptor are medium-distance migrants, too, exchanging an Arctic winter for a temperate Ohio one.

Sharp-shinned hawks, for example, breed in deep forests, yet they winter in most parts of the continental U.S. While some sharp-shinned hawks do live in Ohio year-round, RAPTOR Inc. sees an uptick in sharp-shinned hawk patients during migrations. In the fall and winter, RAPTOR Inc. can also see rough-legged hawks, another Arctic-breeding bird that migrates south to fields, prairies, deserts, and airports for the winter.

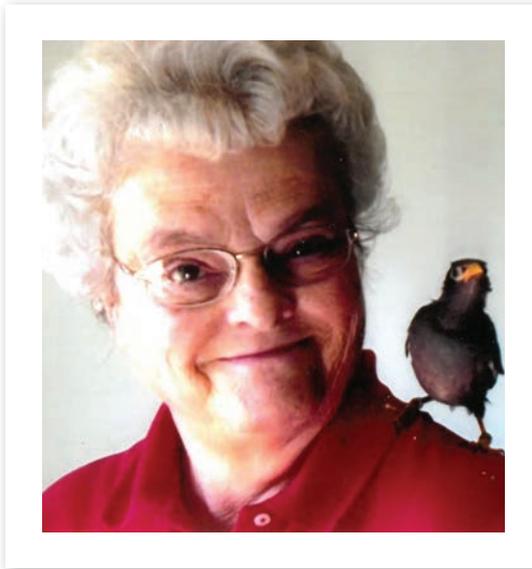
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# In Memory of Carole Lambert

by Cindy Alverson

"What's new with the birds?" That was Carole's usual greeting when calling RAPTOR Inc. I will miss those bi-monthly chats now that Carole has passed. Still, her passion for birds will live on through all of her work and support. Carole was committed to providing support in whatever way she could -- from volunteering, and sharing her ideas, to providing financial support for birds. Birds of all kinds.



volunteers make, drives our mission of education and rehabilitation.

Last year, 2022, was a record-breaking year in rehabilitation with the admission of 386 injured or orphaned birds of prey. Without the financial support of Carole during her lifetime, we would have done rehabilitation in a very crowded area. Carole provided financial support to RAPTOR Inc. for the remodel of the ground floor of our facility. This remodel allowed us to accommodate the growing number of bird admissions and subsequent need for more rehabilitators. This remodel also allowed the rehabilitators to work in a larger and more comfortable work environment.

Carole's world-wide travels provided her with many opportunities to see exotic birds up-close in Trinidad, in Africa, and in the Galapagos Islands. Her work with birds included observation of birds, data collection, education, and re-population studies. Carole's handling of a red-tailed hawk ultimately led her to RAPTOR Inc. Since then, she has been a dedicated member and generous donor of RAPTOR Inc. for 7 years. Her lifelong interest in bird eggs inspired us to begin an egg display.

Always planning ahead, Carole made a very generous estate gift to RAPTOR Inc. Due to Carole's thoughtful planning, we can continue our work in fulfilling our conservation mission. Specifically, Carole's legacy will help in the building of the Raptor Education Center; this project will recognize Carole's support of our organization and our efforts.

In today's fast-paced world, we know that organizations like people must change with the times. However, some things like the importance of connections between people never change. Carole solidified our belief that the connections our staff and

Although Carole Lambert is not here physically, she is still supporting our mission; and she lives on in our hearts.

*rest in peace*

## Tributes

### IN MEMORY OF



**Carole M. Lambert** from Cindy & Marc Alverson, Karen Gerwel, Yvonne Keith, and Rosemary & Frank Varga

**Peggy Egbert** from Tracy Bentley

**Brad Beck** from Suzanne Jackson

**Sandra Weiskittel** from M. Kay Hudepohl

**Wolfgang Olsen** from Tatja & Doug Schneider

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**Elena Egan** from Joseph Cissell

**Gerald T. Menke** from Jeanne Menke

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**Emily Egan** from Nick Corder, Jennifer Givler, and Joseph Henzi

**Kat Jenkins** from Celia Butler, Elizabeth Ron Butler, Heather Butler, Sue Kessinger Cobb, Cathy Cornwell, Teresa Fultz, Karen Grennan, Jody Huneke, Kate Kreimer, Donna McMullin, Blair Skidmore, Larry Steinberg, and Viola Van Til

**Lisa Diggins Smiley** from Lisa Diggins Smiley

# Historic Admission for RAPTOR Inc.

By Jackie Bray

On the evening of August 22, 2022, Stephen and Peggy Davish of Monroe, OH, found what they thought was a hawk in their back yard. The bird was clearly injured and unable to fly. They called RAPTOR Inc.'s Emergency Dispatcher, who gave them instructions on how to safely secure the bird overnight until it could be brought to the Raptor Center in the morning.

On admission, I was shocked to discover that the bird was not a species I recognized. It was obviously a raptor, with its sharp curved talons and curved beak, yet its small size and unusual brown and cream-colored markings were not familiar. We sent photos to our Executive Director, Cindy Alverson, and to our resident Bird Bander/Researcher, Jeff Hays. They confirmed the bird was an immature Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*), a rare discovery in our area and the first admission of this species to the Raptor Center in our 44+ years! When the bird matures, it will have unique and striking grey and black plumage and red eyes.

On exam in August, however, the bird was very thin, infested with lice, and had a noticeable right-wing droop. Dr. Manharth DVM, from Day Heights Veterinary Clinic, confirmed the kite had a right-wing fracture at the wrist involving the joint, likely making the injury permanently disabling and the bird non-releasable. It was agreed to continue treatment to see whether the bird would make a suitable Avian Ambassador.

The bird was treated with fluids and nutritional supplementation, the injured wing was immobilized, the parasites were treated, and the kite was given medication for inflammation and pain. After about six weeks of supportive care and physical therapy, the bird was moved outside to the flight enclosures to exercise and gain strength. After an additional two weeks outside, the kite's flight ability was assessed. It was observed that the bird had recovered significantly, but it was not yet well enough to survive on its own in the wild. Another exam by the veterinarian confirmed that the bird was non-releasable, even though healthy and pain-free. This combination of conditions made the kite an excellent candidate to serve as an Avian Ambassador.

We reached out to the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden's Bird Show staff, and they expressed interest in the bird. After visiting the Raptor Center and seeing the kite in person, the zoo staff fell in love with the bird too. Its musical "Choo Choooo" vocalization is quite endearing! (The unique vocalization can be heard at [https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Mississippi\\_Kite/overview](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Mississippi_Kite/overview).)

The Mississippi Kite was transferred to the zoo on December 9, 2022, and will become part of the Ameritas Wings of Wonder Bird Experience. The kite has been affectionately named "Oz"; like the wizard of Oz, he blew around until he found his home.



**Top:** Mississippi Kite with its immature plumage. (Photo by Alverson.)

**Bottom:** Adult Mississippi Kite (Getty Images)

**Notes:** According to the second atlas of the Breeding Birds in Ohio, "the first modern record of a Mississippi Kite in Ohio was an individual in Franklin County in May of 1978. During the 1990s, there were 4 reports from late May to early July. The first breeding evidence in Ohio occurred in August 2007

when an adult was observed feeding a recently fledged juvenile in Hocking County. A pair was observed at the same location in June of 2008 and 2009. A second breeding observation and the state's first recorded nest was discovered in northern Hocking County in August of 2010. Mississippi Kites were

observed nesting at this site through at least 2013, and reports indicated that a second pair may have nested nearby. Observations were reported from 6 additional locations scattered statewide."

## Welcome to Emily Egan – Our new staff member!

Emily lives in Loveland with her husband, two daughters, two dogs and three cats (it's a zoo!). Originally from the West side of Cincinnati, Emily lived in Chicago for 3 years with her husband before moving to Loveland in 2019.

After spending 26 years in the corporate world, Emily took time off during the COVID pandemic, while her kids were remote schooling. Now that things are mostly back to normal, it was time to find something to be passionate about.

You've probably seen Emily and her oldest daughter Elena at RAPTOR.

Elena became infatuated with birds in 2019 and volunteering at RAPTOR (at age 8) has only solidified that passion. So, Emily decided to pour her heart into supporting RAPTOR, so as to support Elena's passion.

When not working at RAPTOR or carting kids to school and various activities, Emily enjoys listening to music (her tastes are very varied), reading books, adult coloring books and puzzles. Oh, and if the Cincinnati Bengals are playing, you'll find her in front of the TV, yelling and cheering (sometimes booing), her favorite team. Please do



not disturb during a Bengals game!

Emily also is an avid hockey fan. Emily also enjoys photography. Her favorite subjects are birds (all of them) and kids' birthday parties.

## Sip for a cause!

Each month, Rhinegeist highlights four local non-profit organizations that are brewing positive change in our community and this April, RAPTOR Inc. will be highlighted! Grab a pint **ANY Wednesday in April from 5-8 pm**, receive a token with each pint purchase, and **VOTE for RAPTOR Inc.** by placing your token in our designated dropbox! You may also make a monetary donation in our dropbox. At the end of the month, all four organizations will receive a donation based upon the amount of "votes" they receive, and the organization with the most votes receives a BONUS. So grab your pals and grab a pint while supporting RAPTOR Inc!

During our Marquee Event on **Wednesday, April 5th, 2023, 5pm to 8pm**, RAPTOR Inc. representatives will be in the Rhinegeist Taproom, 1910 Elm St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. Fun activities are planned, including visits from our amazing Animal Ambassadors!



## Visitors *(continued from page 1)*

While sharp-shinned hawks look very similar to Cooper's hawks, rough-legged hawks are large, boldly-patterned dark brown birds with tails that are dark at the tip and pale at the base, making them a striking sight.

Several species of owls can be wintertime visitors to Ohio as well, including the tiny northern saw-whet owl and the crow-sized short-eared owl. Saw-whets are mottled brown birds about the size of a robin, with a whitish facial disk, a large, round white-spotted head, and yellow eyes. Short-eared owls are medium brown, spotted with buff and white on their upperparts, and yellow eyes accentuated by black outlines on a pale face. While saw-whets live in forests, you might spot short-eared owls in grasslands or open areas, perched in trees or on the ground—short-eared owls are frequently seen in daylight.

Perhaps the most iconic winter visitor from the Arctic is the snowy owl. While they don't typically come as far south as Cincinnati, they do occasionally wind up in northern Ohio, in what's known as an irruptive migration. Irruptive migrations are when a

species that typically moves short distances migrates much farther in large numbers, likely based on following their food supply.

Snowy owls are extremely diurnal, hunting at all hours during the continuous daylight of an Arctic summer. Some have been known to defend their wintering territories from other snowy owls, even returning to the same site year after year. Just as a good breeding territory is worth defending, so is a good non-breeding territory, and all stops along a bird's migratory path are equally vital to the species' survival.

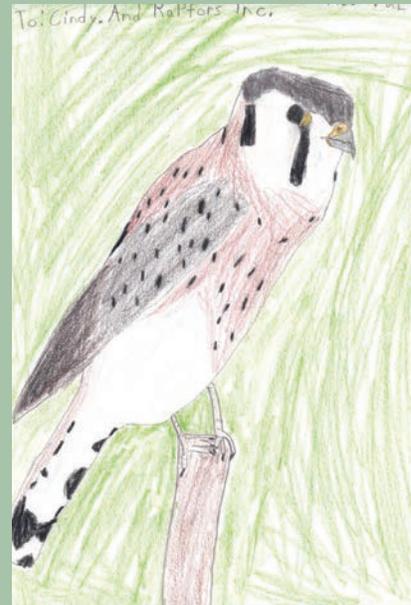
Like snowy owls, we raptor enthusiasts need to defend the entirety of birds' ranges if we want to keep seeing our seasonal visitors. To get involved, visit [raptorinc.org/raptor-support/](http://raptorinc.org/raptor-support/).

For more information on the North American Boreal Forest and how it impacts birds, please visit [audubon.org/conservation/boreal-forests](http://audubon.org/conservation/boreal-forests).

This winter, see whether you can find any of our boreal visitors before they fly back north again.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Elena Egan

By Emily Egan (mother)



**Above left:** Elena sporting her owl mascot costume with Ollie.

**Above right:** Artwork by Elena, with the following inscription: Thank You RAPTOR Inc for all you do and for helping and saving the birds.

There are times when things just fall into place. That's the case with RAPTOR Inc.'s youngest volunteer, Elena Egan. Now nine, Elena started her journey with RAPTOR when she was seven, visiting the Open Houses and learning about what RAPTOR does.

Elena's love of birds began in 2019 during a trip to Florida. She was enthralled with the brown pelicans and wanted to learn more. That fall, she began kindergarten at Children's Meeting House Montessori school, a nature-based school in Loveland, Ohio. The school makes the winter bird count a big part of their nature curriculum. Elena's love of birds started to grow even more. She started asking for field guides from Ohio and around the world and devoured everything she could get her hands on.

As her parents, we did everything we could to support her passion. That included doing a Google search to find a place where we could see live birds of prey.

I took Elena to a RAPTOR Inc. Open House, and a new love was born. She held her 8th birthday party at RAPTOR Inc. and instead of presents for her, she asked her friends to buy items off of RAPTOR's Amazon wish list. That showed me just how truly in love she was with RAPTOR, and her commitment and passion for birds.

In the summer of 2022, her dad and I sponsored the release of a red-tailed hawk. Elena, with the help of RAPTOR Inc.'s

executive director, Cindy Alverson, opened the box and the hawk immediately flew out. There was such a look of amazement and awe on her face, I decided to speak with Cindy about volunteering.

Over the summer, Elena and I came every Wednesday and cleaned out mouse cages, weeded and watered the pollinator garden, and cleaned out food dishes and crates. Every time we were there, Cindy invited Elena to her office to show her rehab birds on camera and to answer any and all questions that Elena had. Everyone was so welcoming.

Watching an 8-year-old live up to her commitment every week was also amazing to witness.

When school began in the fall, she couldn't wait to tell her teachers about her new "job," but she was disappointed when I told her that volunteering would have to slow down during the school year.

For Halloween, Elena decided to be a great horned owl, and we used Ollie, her favorite bird at RAPTOR Inc., as our inspiration. The staff loved the costume so much that they invited Elena to be their mascot at their November, 2022 Open House. She stood in the cold for almost 4 hours while we setup, greeted guests at the Open House, and cleaned up, passing out candy canes and encouraging kids and adults to have their wingspan measured or their pictures taken.

For her 9th birthday, she again had her party at RAPTOR. Her dad and I paid for a program, so she got to pick the two birds she wanted to see on the glove. Of course, her beloved Ollie was the first choice, and Earl, the turkey vulture, was her second choice. She wanted her friends to know that turkey vultures are a very important part of our ecosystem. She told her friends not to buy her gifts, but to donate to RAPTOR or buy supplies from their Amazon wish list. She raised \$357 of donated items; she was so proud of her friends for supporting her wish.

In her own words, "RAPTOR Inc. is my most favorite place ever." And I see it. She is such a different person when she's in her element at RAPTOR. It's amazing to watch. She wants to be an Environmental Ornithologist when she grows up. Having a place like RAPTOR welcome her in its work, only makes that goal stronger.

Thank you to RAPTOR Inc. for giving Elena these opportunities. And if you see a great horned owl mascot at Open Houses, make sure you say hello.

## RAPTOR Wish List

RAPTOR Inc. needs the following items for our bird care facility. To donate any of these items, please email RAPTOR at: raptor@raptorinc.org or call 513-825-3325.

- Dog Food (dry, for large dogs)
- Office Max Gift Card
- Duct Tape
- Paper towels
- Gas Gift Card
- Stamps (Forever)
- Latex or Nitrile exam gloves (any size)

Thank you for all of your donations, including those who donate through the Amazon Wish List! Due to changes at Amazon, we unfortunately no longer receive information on the names of Wish List donors.

## Amazon Wish List

RAPTOR Inc. is listed on the Amazon Wish list. For a complete listing of all of the items we use for rehabilitation, and to provide our volunteers with all of the necessities they need to care for our birds, please visit our website, raptorinc.org. Click on the tab, Support Us (not the dropdown) and click on the Amazon Wish List icon midway down the page. This will take you directly to the RAPTOR Inc. Wish list.

If any of these wish list items are purchased, they are shipped directly to our RAPTOR Inc. facility in Milford. How easy is that?



## Financial Contributions

Thanks to the following individuals and groups for their recent financial contributions to RAPTOR Inc. for the fourth quarter of 2022.

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Contact Marc Alverson at [marcalverson@cinci.rr.com](mailto:marcalverson@cinci.rr.com) for meeting time and location.

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To report an injured raptor in the Greater Cincinnati area call RAPTOR Inc.: (513) 825-3325

### 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".



# Upcoming RAPTOR Public Appearances

(Contact Sponsor for details and to see if reservations are required)

Date	Time	Event	Location
19-Feb-2023	2pm-3pm	Fernald Preserve Visitor Center	7400 Willey Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013
4-Mar-2023	6pm-8:30pm	Spring Grove Cemetery - Norman Chapel	4521 Spring Grove Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45232
26-Mar-2023	1pm-4pm	RAPTOR Inc. Open House	961 Barg Salt Run Rd, Milford, Oh 45150
5-Apr-2023	5pm-8pm	Rhinegeist Charitable Suds Fundraiser	1910 Elm St, Cincinnati, OH 45202
15-Apr-2023	2pm-3pm	Little Miami Conservancy	211 Railroad Ave, Loveland, OH 45140
30-Apr-2023	1pm-4pm	RAPTOR Inc. Open House	961 Barg Salt Run Rd, Milford, Oh 45150
6-May-2023	7:30am-9:30am	Spring Grove Cemetery - Norman Chapel	4521 Spring Grove Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45232
20-May-2023	2pm-3pm	Little Miami Conservancy	211 Railroad Ave, Loveland, OH 45140
28-May-2023	1pm-4pm	RAPTOR Inc. Open House	961 Barg Salt Run Rd, Milford, Oh 45150
2-Jun-2023	10am-11am	Beech Acres Park Amphitheater	6910 Salem Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45230
17-Jun-2023	2pm-3pm	Little Miami Conservancy	211 Railroad Ave, Loveland, OH 45140
25-Jun-2023	1pm-4pm	RAPTOR Inc. Open House	961 Barg Salt Run Rd, Milford, Oh 45150

## RAPTOR Inc. Membership

Renewal notices are sent out at the end of the year for annual collection for the following year. Dues paid after September 1 will be credited for the following year. Please use the form below to become a member or update your contact information. You can also become a member online at our website: [www.raptorinc.org](http://www.raptorinc.org).

If you don't need the membership form, pass it on to someone who might be interested in becoming a member of RAPTOR Inc. 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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(1 year - up to age 18)

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plus receive a stunning Raptor note card set

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**RAPTOR Inc., 961 Barg Salt Run Road, Milford, Ohio 45150**

**Attn: Membership**

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- Species and date of release
- Weight at time of release
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife band number
- Age (if known)

If the bird you sponsor is recovered, you will be notified of the date and location of the recovery.

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In the event your selection is not available, we will contact you to arrange an alternative. Sponsoring a bird is tax deductible. All proceeds benefit RAPTOR Inc. Complete this form, enclose a check or money order, and mail to: RAPTOR Inc., 961 Barg Salt Run Road, Milford, Ohio 45150

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