



Volunteer Position Descriptions 2019 BIRD CARE TEAM

BIRD CARE VOLUNTEER

Purpose:

To assist in the rehabilitation of injured, diseased (or sick), and orphaned native wild birds with the goal of releasing them back to the wild. As a volunteer, you will assist Clinic staff in providing each bird with proper nutrition, a safe and enriching habitat, and a clean environment. Training will be provided by Mentor Volunteers and/or Clinic staff.

This Opportunity is Available to People Who:

- Would like to learn more about wild birds
- Have good attention to detail
- Are flexible and willing to do whatever is needed during their shift to contribute to the rehabilitation of wild birds
- Enjoy being part of a team but can also complete tasks alone
- Are at least 16 years of age
- Are available 10 hours or more a month; serving a minimum of one 5-hour shift a week is preferred but not required

Examples of Tasks Performed by the Bird Care Team

- Help provide daily diets for various species
- Help provide clean nests, boxes, and cages
- Help with food preparation, which could include chopping grapes and greens, cutting fish and chicken, and preparing special diets and plates
- Help complete daily care sheets and record observations of bird behavior
- Assist staff with special patients as needed
- Help maintain the cleanliness of the center, which will include sweeping, mopping, dishes, laundry, cage and perch cleaning, and special projects as needed
- Help with restocking supplies
- Help create and maintain enriching habitats for wild bird patients
- The tasks vary with each shift, so willingness to do all the above is important.

Time Contribution

- Volunteers are expected to commit to a minimum of one year of service
- Volunteers are expected to donate at least 10 hours of service per month (two 5-hour shifts)
- New Adult Bird Care Volunteers will train with a Mentor Volunteer for three 5-hour bird care shifts. After initial training is completed, volunteers may schedule their own shifts in bird care.



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- Baby bird care training will be provided each spring. Volunteers must complete at least 1 Baby Bird Training session to provide care to these patients.
- Volunteers must sign a release form, volunteer agreement, and provide emergency contact information.
- All volunteers must complete a New Volunteer Orientation before training in their selected area.

Volunteer Benefits

- Experience caring for wild birds in a wildlife rehabilitation setting
- Reward of giving wild, native birds a second chance at life
- Meet new people and make connections with individuals who care about local wildlife.
- Stay active and engaged in the community while developing friendships with other volunteers.
- Complete High School Community Service requirements, for those that meet age requirements.