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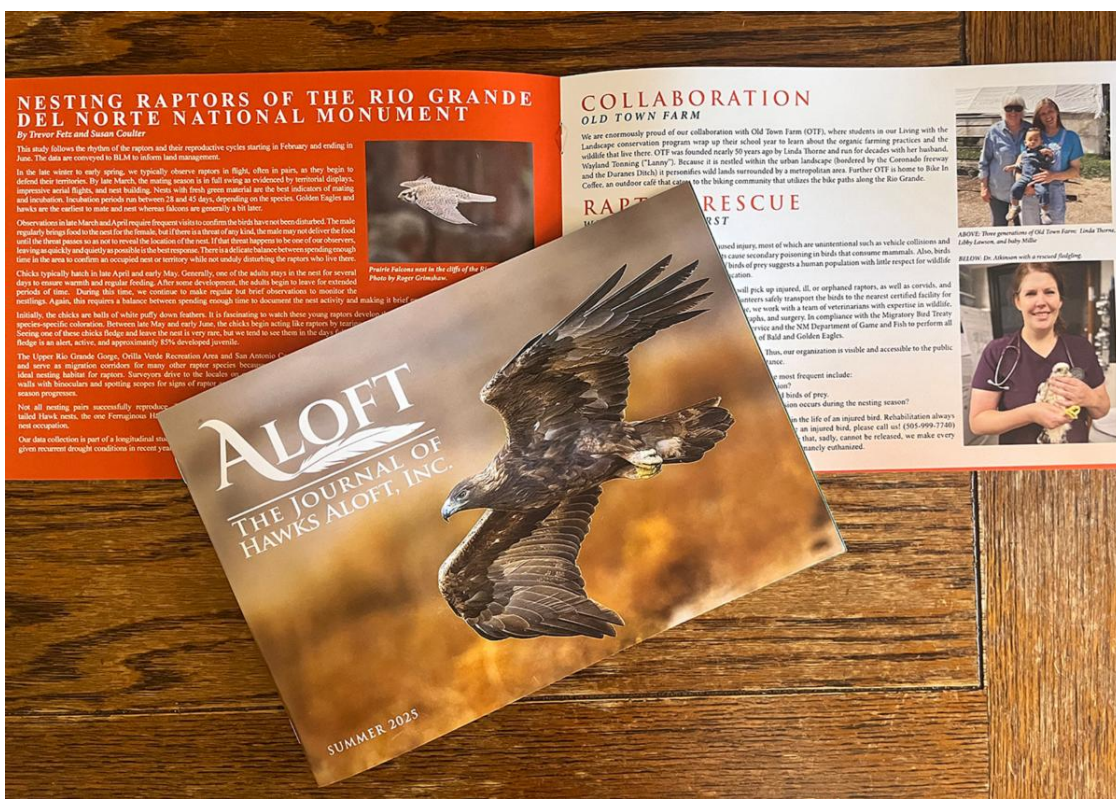
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It's been one wild and crazy year for Hawks Aloft! Pardon us for being a little late on accomplishing some of the things we set out to do. As you read through this issue, consider the sheer magnitude of all that is underway!

Please make sure your membership is up today. You won't want to miss this issue.

Featuring the summary of Nesting Raptors of the Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument, by Trevor Fetz, Ph.D. and Susan Coulter, Project Manager.

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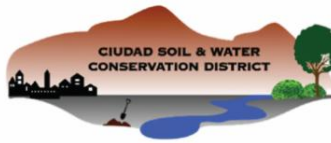
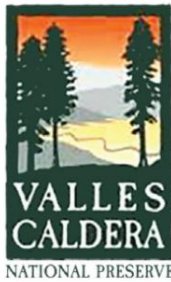
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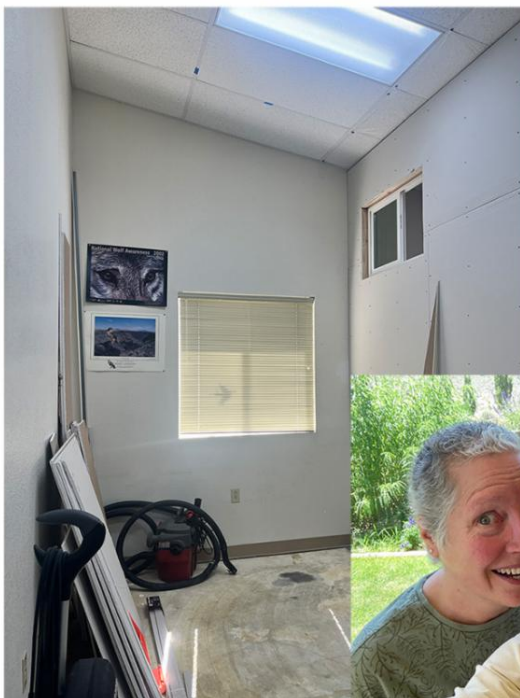


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We thank PNM Foundation, The Edward F. Zimmer Community Fund, and Albuquerque Community Foundation for your most recent donations.



Thank you Kitty Zimmer and The Edward F. Zimmer Community Fund for covering the immediate materials for the new Hawks Aloft Raptor Rescue Clinic.



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Thank you for your support of the HAI Raptor Medical Clinic

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We also are thrilled to welcome the return of Dr. Christine Fiorello!

All funds donated to this project go directly to materials and equipment. Lars Wells and Stephanie Otts, the amazing husband/wife team, have and continue to donate their expertise and time for the labor, along with assistance from the HAI Construction Team. Thank you Doug Blythe, John Heidrich, Matthew Montano and Larry Rimer.



The Whirlwind Summer of 2025

**By Gail Garber
Executive Director**

To understand the present insanity at Hawks Aloft, perhaps it is best to trace this story back to its origins in 2016 when that federal administration suddenly canceled all research

contracts along the Rio Grande so that funds could be diverted for the southern border wall. Fast forward to the present administration's budgetary cuts to a wide swath of government agencies and projects, where remains unclear if all of our research grants and contracts will remain in place. Consequently, even as our [Valles Caldera National Preserve](#) studies were wrapping up, we had little expectation of continued funding. Although two years remain on our contract for the raptor nesting study in the [Rio Grande del Norte National Monument](#) for the Bureau of Land Management through Cottonwood Environmental Consulting, we do not know if that contract will remain funded.

Additionally, our one-year contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers needed to be restructured and resubmitted in the hopes of garnering a multi-year study of the avifauna of the Middle Rio Grande Bosque. To further complicate the process, we opted to apply for sole-source funding that required significant proof that Hawks Aloft was the only organization that could implement the proposed studies. If successful, we would be inundated with a massive avian study within the Rio Grande Bosque. If unsuccessful, we would possibly have no work for and no way to pay Trevor, our research director, for a study already 24 years in progress.



Trevor and I began the deep dive into the proposal process. Each time we hoped we had a strong enough case to submit, we were told that more work was needed. The exacting minutiae required all our attention and detailed written documentation for two full months. Finally, in early May, we received a pre-award notice authorizing us to begin work, *but without payment*. Thankfully, Heather Rissi, our education coordinator, and Liz Roberts, our senior educator, stepped up and became ace field technicians, taking and passing the US Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Protocol trainings, and delving into surveys for [Southwestern Willow Flycatcher](#) and [Yellow-billed Cuckoo](#). Although it is looking positive for full funding eventually, we cannot risk hiring any field technicians to carry out the work. Here we are in early August, with boatloads of protocol surveys and only four surveyors. It is all on our shoulders.

Our five-year contract was finalized on July 14, 2025, with one fully funded year and four additional years included in the contract but funded on a year-to-year basis. We thank everyone at the US Army Corps of Engineers who worked diligently alongside Trevor and me for making this happen, especially Nicole Baker and Hira Walker. We hope that, in 2026, the economy and administration are more amenable so that we can plan for a productive field season with enough staff.

So, if you stop by the office and no one is there, or if you worry that progress in other areas of expertise has stalled, please understand our situation. We are either in the field or rescuing raptors and doing our best to keep our heads above water!

Staff photos: Trevor Fetz, Heather Rissi, Liz Roberts.

Available Position
Naturalist/Administrative Assistant

We seek a unique individual to join our conservation team. This person is multi-faceted and interested in participating in all aspects of Hawks Aloft, including educational programs for schools and our community, avian research, raptor husbandry, and raptor rescue. We are active in the conservation community, working on topics relative to the electric utility industry, local conservation issues, the New Mexico Avian Conservation Partners, and other nonprofits in New Mexico.

Hawks Aloft has a dedicated Raptor Rescue hotline, staffed year-round during daylight hours. Staff, volunteers, veterinarians, and wildlife rehabilitators work together to ensure that injured raptors, corvids, and roadrunners are provided medical care, either at one of our Albuquerque locations or to another permitted facility within the state. Living with the Landscape, our signature conservation education program, serves all students in participating Title 1 schools with school-year-long programming.

The ideal candidate has a strong interest in birds and conservation, is physically fit, has a BS degree in biology or a related field, or the equivalent in work experience. Strong written and organizational skills as well as excellent social skills are essential. Must be able to multi-task. Classroom education, raptor handling and/or raptor rehabilitation a plus.

Our nonprofit functions as a team with overlap in various duties as the need arises. Duties include office administrative tasks, including coordinating raptor rescue calls, social media, contributing to the monthly online newsletter and other marketing, raptor handling and cleaning cages. We do not expect any one candidate to have experience in all areas but will provide training as needed for the right candidate. Some remote work available once probationary period is completed. Position will be filled when the individual that is the best match for Hawks Aloft is found.

[Click here for complete details.](#)



A Beautiful Family Reunion

By Amelia Thompson
Senior Wildlife Rehabilitator



The middle of summer has been tough for the [Cooper's Hawks](#) in our care, so I wasn't all that optimistic when I received an adult who had flown into a window. I didn't find anything broken, so I began treating for head trauma by giving an anti-inflammatory and pain reliever.

Head trauma patients often don't eat immediately because of pain, nausea, and disorientation, and this male was no exception. It was about a week before he began eating on his own. Until then, we fed him Carnivore Care (a protein-, nutrient-, and electrolyte-rich liquid diet).

We figured out quickly that he could fly when he took a few laps around the rehab room one day. So, because he was eating, he was moved to a small outside mews to continue his recovery. He thrived there and was upgraded to a larger mews where he quickly demonstrated he could easily reach the highest rafter. Soon, the vets cleared him for release.

Mike and Misha, the citizen rescuers who called about this hawk had informed us he had a mate, so it was especially important to return him to their yard where their nest was located. Kristin Brown, one of our amazing photographers, met us there to photograph the release. We chose a spot across the street from the house and imagined the bird would fly straight towards the nest in their backyard.

But birds never do what we want them to do. In fact, he took off in the opposite direction to a tree across the street from the nest where he immediately began calling. Suddenly the tree was a flurry of bird activity. His mate had joined him and was chasing him around the tree. We could hear the babies calling as well. The rescuers, Kristen, and I watched this incredible reunion with huge smiles on our faces, knowing that the bird made it back to his family and would hopefully have a long, fruitful life thanks to caring citizens and Hawks Aloft's hard rescue and rehabilitation work.

Photos by [Kristin C. Brown Photography](#)



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Avian Trichomonosis - What is it, and what can you do to help?

By Heather Rissi, Education Coordinator

Do you have backyard birdfeeders or birdbaths? If so, it is important to protect our avian friends by giving feeders and water supplies a good sanitizing scrub with soapy



water and *with bleach*. Why? Because summer is high season for the spread of a protozoan parasite called *Trichomonas gallinae*.

Avian Trichomonosis ("Trich" for short) is very common in pigeons and doves, which are both frequent visitors to backyard feeders and baths. Trich is also found in waterfowl, parrots, finches, and corvids.

This disease-inducing parasite is found in the upper gastrointestinal tract of adult birds. It is then spread through saliva or feces. Often spread occurs when an intermediate carrier (i.e. parent bird) regurgitates food for their offspring. Clinical symptoms include lesions in the oropharynx that eventually lead to suffocation or starvation.

Not surprisingly, the parasite is often fatal, especially to young birds. Early symptoms of the disease manifest as small yellow patches (i.e., plaques) in the mouth. Within days, these plaques morph into large, yellow, cottage cheese looking masses. While the disease can be treatable via antiprotozoal drugs administered orally, unfortunately not all survive.

Sadly, bird-eating raptors can also suffer from Trich by eating infected prey species. In Albuquerque, Cooper's Hawks are particularly susceptible. Of the 39 Cooper's Hawks we admitted in July, 19 were diagnosed with Trich (50%). Studies conducted in Tucson have shown rates as high as 85% of Cooper's nestlings.

Why are Cooper's Hawks so vulnerable to Trich? Cooper's Hawks thrive in urban and suburban environments, in part because they have discovered the efficiency of hunting near bird feeders. Infected birds at your feeders are in reduced condition, making them easier prey than spritely healthy birds. Sadly, these infected prey birds are then fed to hawk nestlings thus passing on the protozoa.

For weeks, young Cooper's Hawk fledges have been spotted near homes and businesses in Albuquerque. How can you tell if one of these hawks needs assistance? First, look for signs of illness. Does it look weak, is it slow to move or fly away? Does it have a "fluffed up" appearance. Second, do you see watery or colored discharge around the eyes. Finally, if the infection is advanced, you may see drool or regurgitated food.

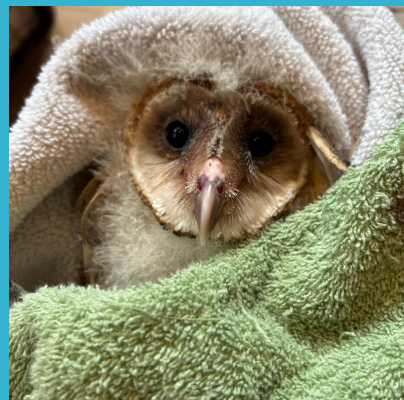
If you notice any of these signs, please call our rescue hotline number at (505) 999-7740. We will guide you from there and may even ask you to transport the bird to us. Not to worry, this infection is not considered zoonotic, meaning this avian strain does not transmit from birds to humans.

What can we do right now to curtail the spread of this infection? Keep our feeders and water supplies clean and sanitized so that we do unwittingly become a source of infection! You will likely see more (healthy) birds as a result.

Cooper's Hawk Fledgling - Photo by Larry Rimer.

Hotline Volunteers Needed!

Do you want to help rescue injured and orphaned birds? Do you have a pleasant telephone manner? Do you enjoy talking to people and are compassionate when they are stressed? We seek volunteers to are willing to help with the Raptor Rescue hotline. Volunteers work in shifts of 2-3 days only from their own homes. Please contact [Evelyn](#) if you are interested in this position.





Pine Siskins, Our Extreme Weather Friends

By Nate and Jeanne Gowan, guest authors, and Pat Hawley, write/editor



We spend a lot of time observing birds at our backyard feeders. Last winter, we watched a small finch feeding upside down at our seed cake. At first glance, we thought it was a female [House Finch](#). Looking through binoculars, we noted its sharp pointed beak and yellow edging on its wings and tail. It turns out, it was a [Pine Siskin](#) (*Spinus pinus*), a nomadic finch that is a “facultative” (occurs optionally) and not “obligate” (by necessity) migratory species. Since they are unpredictable travelers, we were pleasantly surprised to see this species in our yard.

Pine Siskins are small seed-eating finches that make themselves at home in coniferous forests. They are considered ‘nomadic’ because banding studies show they demonstrate “low site fidelity”. That is, you probably won’t see them in the same place year after year. They may even migrate at night, between the hours of 10:00 pm to 4:00 a.m., especially during spring and summer.

The Pine Siskin is well adapted to survive cold winters. They maintain a metabolic rate significantly higher than similar sized songbirds and accelerate their own in response to cold temperatures. Studies have shown that even in ambient temperatures *well* below 0 (e.g., -60 C), they can augment heat production to maintain a temperature differential of 100 degrees between their body core and the environment. Remarkably, they can sustain this heat production for 3-8 hours. This adaptation to cold requires them to feed more than their relatives like the [American Goldfinch](#) or the [Redpoll](#) and their nests tend to be more insulated to protect the eggs.

Pine Siskins may appear to burst into an ecology because they are “irruptive” in their migration patterns in response to availability of conifer seeds found in mixed forests and

suburban woodlands. They nest in loose colonies and during courtship, and the males soar above females with their wings and tails spread while singing.

Their summer diet may include thistle and sunflower seeds as well as insects such as spiders. During irruption years, large numbers of Pine Siskins may appear at feeders, along with American Goldfinches. In the winter you may spy them eating salt from icy roads because of their affinity for minerals.

If you do see a small brown bird with flashes of yellow at your feeder or in evergreens, take a closer look. You may have a Pine Siskin visitor.

Photos by Nate Gowan.

How do Cowbirds Know They are Cowbirds If They are Raised by Vireos?

**By Pat Hawley
Writer & Editor**

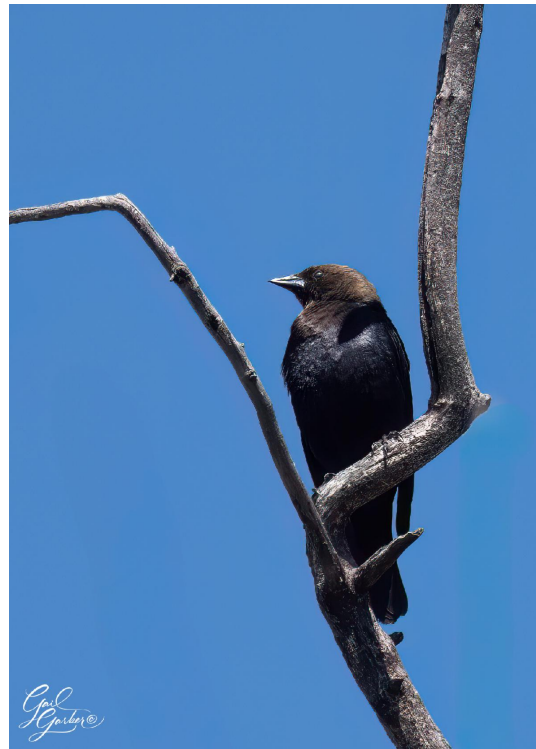
In the last issue, I described brood parasitism in NM's [Brown-headed Cowbirds](#); namely, they lay their eggs in the nests of other species (e.g., vireos). If a baby cowbird is hatched by a host species (such as a vireo), how does it know it's a cowbird and not a vireo?

It turns out that cowbirds are not wired like other birds. They do not attach to their host parents, or even humans who attempt to hand rear them. In a recent study (see below), it was shown that this lack of host parental imprinting leads young cowbirds, 20-30 post fledging, to increase their distance from their natal nests until they encounter other cowbirds. These "just-independent juveniles" are drawn to the plumage and chatter of adult female cowbirds. And it turns out, these female cowbirds to whom they are attracted are very *unlikely* to be genetic relatives. Thus, this study ruled out the appealing but incorrect hypothesis that egg-laying adult cowbirds remain in the region of their target hosts so that they can pick up parenting duties once the chick has fledged.

But still a question remains: How do young cowbirds discriminate peer cowbirds from other species also in the area? The answer, "self-referent phenotype matching". This is the fancy way of saying: Young cowbirds are attracted to others *that look like themselves*, and lucky for them, these targets happen to be adult, female cowbirds. This is a fascinating and complex mechanism of social organization mechanism long studied in Belding's ground squirrels.

What is operating here, nature or nurture? **Both**. Cowbirds are who they are in large part to the genetics underlying their attachment systems and curious ability to match their own plumage with the plumage of others. But also because of the learning that occurs during early social experiences between adult female cowbirds and unrelated juveniles.

Chamberlain, M. L. et al. (2025). Adult sex dictates juvenile–adult interactions in brood-parasitic brown-headed cowbirds, *Molothrus ater*. *Animal Behaviour*, 123247.
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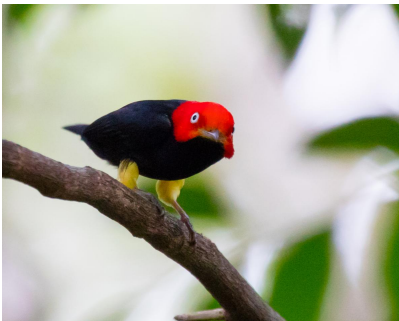
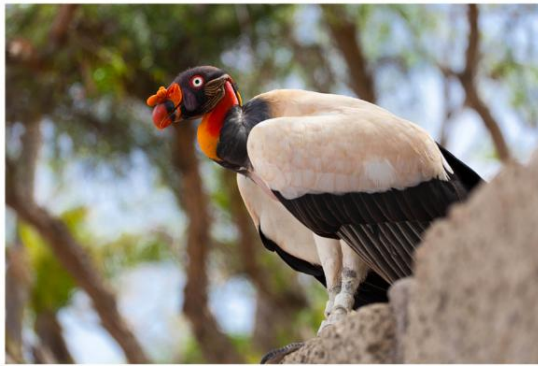
We are super proud that we again present our newest raffle quilt. Designed by Gail Garber and Cynthia Figueroa-McInteer, our quilt team stitched up this New Mexico themed quilt over the course of a few weeks. It was machine quilted by Tisha Cavanaugh.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's raffle quilt a reality: Tisha Cavanaugh, Ed Chappelle, Mary Chappelle, Barbara Deshler, Rick Deshler, Vicky Harms, Cynthia Figueroa-McInteer, Carol Meincke, Liz Roberts, and Carolyn Sanborn.

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- Explore Mayan sites and beautiful waterfalls at Mayflower Bocawina National Park via a system of trails through the rainforest.

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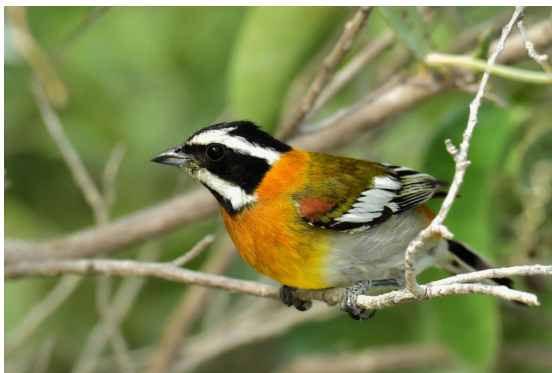
- Spot some of the 400-plus species of birds found in the Machu Picchu complex and surrounding areas.
- Explore the Amazonian lowlands by boat and on foot to look for colorful macaws, tanagers, and the enigmatic [Hoatzin](#).
- Discover the mist-fed ecosystem of Lomas de Lachay, home to an oasis of dwarf forest in the Peruvian desert.
- Visit Pantanos de Villa, a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance that provides critical habitat for waterfowl and migratory shorebirds.
- Witness the seabirds of Ballestas Islands, including species such as the [Humboldt Penguin](#), [Peruvian Booby](#), [Inca Tern](#), and the near-threatened [Peruvian Diving-Petrel](#).

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Photos: Top Photo clockwise from top right: [Paradise Tanager](#)/Ian Segebarth, Hoatzin/Holbrook stock, Machu Picchu/Debbie Sturdivant Jordan/Weaving demonstration/Laura Hare. [Andean Cock of the Rock](#) by Ian Segebarth.

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The company recently changed their policies regarding the program; so even if you've signed up in the past, you may need to do it again! The good news is that it is easy to do so.



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We appreciate your ongoing support in this and so many other capacities!

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Meet Cora! The American Kestrel

Cora, a female American Kestrel, is one of our newest avian ambassadors. She came to us in April 2024 after rescue dispatcher Evelyn McGarry took the call for what was thought to be a grounded hawk in Estancia, NM. Evelyn coordinated with another volunteer to drive the kestrel to Tijeras for the transfer.

But, when they opened the back of the vehicle, Cora flew out! Apparently, she had escaped the box she was in during transport. She could not fly well though, and they recaptured her before she could get hit by a car. Initial examination showed she was thin and slightly off balance, but it was not until she had a radiograph that a fracture of the left coracoid was discovered. The coracoid is a short bone that connects the shoulder joint to the sternum and is extremely important to support the wings during flight. Birds who have this injury have the potential to fly short distances, but cannot gain altitude. This lifelong injury meant Cora was non-releasable. Instead, she became one of our avian ambassadors. Several lucky students in our Living with the Landscape program last year happened to be some of the first to visit with Cora, who has proven to be an excellent addition to our education program.

Please consider sponsoring Cora!

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Photographer's Monthly Gallery

Kristin Brown

Kristin Brown is a passionate semi-professional photographer based in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her camera has taken her to the remote corners of North America, Central and South America, the Caribbean and twice to the Arctic Circle. After a fulfilling 36 year career in nursing, Kristin has embarked on a new chapter, eager to broaden her horizons and expand her wildlife portfolio. She enjoys photographing birds most and specializes in birds in flight. Her work has graced the pages of several magazines and has even found a place in iBird, the interactive handheld field guide to the Birds of North America.

Click [here](#) to visit Kristin C. Brown Photography.

1. Three day old [Common Loon](#) chicks
2. [Northern Flicker](#) nestlings
3. [Violet-green Swallow](#)
4. Female [Common Merganser](#) in flight
5. [Jamaican Tody](#)



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Raptor Rescue Calls and Patient Intakes July 2025

Hotline Calls: 153
 Patient intakes: 54

Cooper's Hawk fledglings comprised the highest number of intakes. Not including the individuals listed below, we received

8 Grounded Cooper's Hawk Fledglings

19 Cooper's Hawk fledglings - trichomonas

- Cooper's Hawk, DOA (fledgling)
- Peregrine Falcon, Wing Injury
- Cooper's Hawk, Neurological Disease (fledgling)
- Greater Roadrunner, Broken Leg (fledgling)
- Red-tailed Hawk, Eye & Physical Injuries (juvenile)
- Cooper's Hawk, Head Trauma
- Cooper's Hawk, Gastrointestinal Disease (fledgling)
- American Crow, Emaciation & Neurologic Disease
- American Crow, Fracture Proximal Humerus
- Common Raven, Grounded
- Great Horned Owl, Trichomonas & Blindness
- Cooper's Hawk, Spinal Injury (fledgling)
- American Kestrel, Electrocution
- American Kestrel, Leg Injury (non-functional)
- Cooper's Hawk, Musculoskeletal Injury (fledgling)
- Cooper's Hawk, Wing Injury (fledgling)
- Red-tailed Hawk, Neurological Disease & Physical Injury (juvenile)
- Greater Roadrunner, Unknown Illness/Injury
- Cooper's Hawk, West Nile Virus
- Cooper's Hawk, Dehydration & Possible WNV (fledgling)
- Barn Owl, Open Fracture (radius/ulna)

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- Western Screech Owl, Open Fracture (wing)
- Cooper's Hawk, Open Fracture (metacarpals)
- Cooper's Hawk, Wing Injury (fledgling)
- Western Screech Owl, Physical Injury
- Cooper's Hawk, Physical Injury
- Barn Owl, Wing Injury

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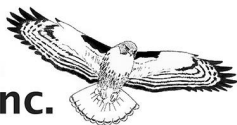
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