

Newsletter 2015

A Loon's Story

2015 has proven to be a very devastating year for fish eating waterfowl. In the beginning of the year, Lake Erie was completely frozen and Lake Ontario was 87% frozen.

The loons, grebes, mergansers, scaups, and long-tail ducks coming down to the Great Lakes for the winter, found no open water and no food.

Then in the fall botulism hit and many of the survivors became infected and again another die off.

Thanks to Helene LeRoy, for finding this loon on Southwick Beach in Henderson. It was barely alive and was found with five dead others. She picked it up and hiked 3.5 miles with it back to her car and then got it to us. We flushed it out with activated charcoal, gave it antibiotics, and fluids and in a short time, it made a full recovery.

We released it on the south shore of Oneida Lake.



And I heard God say: "You've seen My mountains and My starlit skies"

Now let me show you My birds."

Elizabeth Sherrill Guideposts

Ouch!

In mid-May we received a phone call from my friend Barbara Runyan who runs Friends of the Feathered and Furred in the Catskills. She had just picked up a black bear cub that had come down a tree and fell on a dead porcupine at its base. Of course he had a butt full of quills. She pulled everyone she found out, but since his mother and siblings had apparently moved on, he would need continued care.

We soon met her in Canajoharie and picked him up. When we got him home, we weighed him and found him to only be 6.2 pounds.

We felt another quill in his head but it was very deep and we were unable to get it. The next day we made an appointment with Dr. John Davis to anesthetize the cub, so we could examine him better for more quills.

We were sure we had gotten them all, when one of his vet techs opened his mouth to have a look down his throat. Sure enough, there was another quill way down his esophagus. She went down with a pair of long tweezers and retrieved it. He apparently had tried to get them out himself with his teeth and this one was lodged in his throat.

Once porcupine quills are inside the body, they will travel through the muscles and finally reach the heart. This would have been a death sentence for the cub, had the quill not been found. Thanks to Dr. Davis and his wonderful staff for saving the life of this cub.



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Peregrine Flight



On June 18th, we received a female peregrine falcon that had hatched earlier in the spring on one of the high rise buildings in Binghamton. She was found on the ground with obvious injuries and ECO Rick Warner was called to attend. He drove her to the Wildlife Center at Cornell University. Upon examination, the veterinarians found she had segmental fracture of the keel and the right pubic bone. Abnormal air and fluid were also found in the coelom and she had pulmonary hemorrhages, contusions, and signs of infection on the blood work.

After treatment, she was sent to Kindred Kingdoms for strict cage rest and continued care. Given her initial injuries, her prognosis was touch and go. Each day however, we saw gradual improvements. She was a good eater and soon began readily eating on her own. By mid-July, she was flying and showing she had made a full recovery. She was released back to the wild on July 15, 2015.

American Bittern

Thanks to Kevin Sullivan of Camden, NY for rescuing this juvenile American bittern. The other members of its clutch seemed to have succumbed to coyote predation and this little one was the sole survivor. Bitterns are a ground nesting bird that inhabit marshes and streams.

Each day we would dig up cat tail reeds and ferns, just to make him feel at home. As soon as all his primary feathers had grown in and he was flighted, we were eager to say good-bye. He was released in a huge marsh on August 7th.



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This will greatly help us continue to care for our furred and feathered friends.

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If you would like to designate your United Way contribution to Kindred Kingdoms. Call Jean at (315) 695-6418 and we will direct you to the correct contact for your county.

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