

WINTER 2006

Tracks



Helping Wildlife
in Need

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Fox Valley Wildlife Center

Presence of Animals

In college, I was given an assignment of observing animals in their natural habitat. I chose a number of different locations. However, one place that stands out in my mind is a park. My goal was to see how many animals would occupy any given area. As I sat there, I observed an occasional squirrel trying to scurry up a nearby tree before anyone saw it.

The entire time I was there, a group of boys were playing a game of basketball. That was when I realized how monotonous life would be if we did not have the opportunity to observe other species. I believe that life is more fulfilling when we share it with animals.



When I see a flock of birds take off on their long migration, only to return next season, I am overcome with that same feeling. Only then are we able to watch them return in their natural splendor.

We need to do our part to help the creatures that share our existence in order for our world to remain that pleasurable.

If you find an orphaned or injured animal please call the Fox Valley Wildlife Center at (630) 365-3800.

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I realized that IF I had to choose, I would rather have birds than airplanes.

- Charles Lindbergh

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Have You Heard About Our Education Program?



The Fox Valley Wildlife Center education program is a great way for your organization to learn more about the wildlife around us and discover ways you can help.

Our programs can be enjoyed in or out of doors. Programs vary in length based on your interests and the time available. They may include a slide show and a visit from our education animals as well as other activities.

We will tell you about some of the animals found in this area, how wild animals interact with the environment, how to judge if an animal actually needs help and ways to provide that help.

Please contact the Fox Valley Wildlife Center at (630) 365-3800 for details, or if you would like to schedule a program. Fees are based on the program provided.

2006 Animal Admits

Adult Mink (M243)

A mink was brought to the Fox Valley Wildlife Center on August 25, 2006 by Wingate Veterinary Clinic. The mink had an inflamed right leg which caused her to limp. After a treatment of rest and medication the mink made a full recovery. She was released back into the wild on September 13, 2006.



2 Virginia Opossum Babies (M94)



Two opossums were admitted May 14, 2006, their mother along with the rest of their siblings did not survive being hit by a car. The two opossums grew up healthy and were released on August 7, 2006.

4 Canada Geese Goslings (B14)

On April 21, 2006 four goslings were brought to the Fox Valley Wildlife Center. Their family of eleven had not survived being hit by a series of cars. Once they grew to maturity, the four lucky goslings were returned to the wild on July 26, 2006.



The Fox Valley Wildlife Center will be hosting their
Annual Baby Shower on March 25 from 1-4 pm.

Save The Date For The Winter Dinner/ Auction!

On Saturday January 27, 2007 the Fox Valley Wildlife Center will be hosting its' Fifth Annual Winter Dinner/ Auction at Riverside Reception in Geneva, at 6:00pm. Price per person is \$40.00. Tables can be reserved for parties of eight. There will be a silent and live auction, presentation from the Fox Valley Wildlife Center wildlife specialist, and musical entertainment. Watch your mailbox for a formal invitation, or you can sign up early by returning the form below.

Name _____

_____ Number Attending (\$40.00 each)

_____ Chicken Wellington

_____ Vegetarian Option Available

_____ Please Reserve A Table (8 guests)

E-mail address for confirmation _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for dinner/ auction tickets.

Please send your request to: Fox Valley Wildlife Center
Attn: Winter Dinner/ Auction
P.O. Box 385
Elburn, IL 60119

Mark Your Calendar For The Fox Valley Wildlife Center Golf Outing!

On Friday June 22, 2007 the Fox Valley Wildlife Center will be hosting our first golf outing at Settler's Hill Golf Course in Geneva. Tee times will run from 9:00am - 11:30am. Price per golfer will be \$75.00, including golf cart and barbeque following the golf outing. There will be contests throughout the day and raffle starting approximately at 4:00pm. There will be an invitation in the mail closer to the date. If you would like to reserve a tee time early use the form below.

Name/ Team Name _____

_____ Number of Golfers (\$75.00 each, includes barbeque)

_____ Barbeque Only (\$20.00 each)

Phone Number (to receive tee time) _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for golf reservation and barbeque only tickets.

Please send your request to: Fox Valley Wildlife Center
Attn: Golf Outing
P.O. Box 385
Elburn, IL 60119

Order Your 2007 Fox Valley Wildlife Center Calendars Now!

The 2007 Fox Valley Wildlife Center calendars are now on sale! Place an order for your calendar, featuring entries from the 2005 Photo Contest. Calendars will be mailed to you in December for only \$10.00 each!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone Number _____

_____ Number of Calendars (\$10.00 each)

I have enclosed \$ _____ for 2007 Fox Valley Wildlife Center calendars.

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KEEP IT CLEAN!



Bird feeders offer a wonderful way to observe the variety of the birds in your area. But if they're not kept clean, feeders can help spread salmonellosis, trichomoniasis, avian pox, aspergillosis, and conjunctivitis— diseases that are fatal to birds.

So keep your bird feeders safe. Clean the area around your feeders of waste food and droppings. (A broom and shovel are good, but a heavy-duty vacuum cleaner is even better.)

Buy feeders that can be easily sterilized. Clean and disinfect your feeders by fully immersing them in a 10% bleach solution (1 part household bleach to 9 parts water) for 2-3 minutes. Allow them to air dry. Once or twice a month is generally often enough, but clean weekly if you notice sick birds at your feeders.

Finally, spread the word! Encourage neighbors who also feed birds to "keep it clean." Birds normally visit several feeders and can spread diseases as they go.

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Duke Says...

If you provide seed in bird feeders during the summer, some birds depend on that source of food during the winter. Please keep it up all year, or stop completely. Thanks!



HOW YOU CAN HELP!!!

Donate an Item on the Wish List...

Household Items:	Food Items:	Medical Supplies:
Mops	Frozen Smelt	Lactated Ringers
Toilet Paper	Unshelled Nuts/ Walnuts, Pecans	Insulin Syringes
30 Gallon Trash Bags	Sunflower Seeds	Needles (25 Gauge & Up)
Laundry Detergent	Finch, Wild Bird Seed	Frontline
Bleach	Freeze Dried Bugs	Vet Wrap
White Paper Towels	Pedialyte (Unflavored)	
Towels	Gerber Chicken	
Soft White Kleenex	Baby Food	
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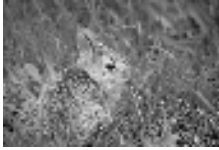
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How Your Donation Can Help

We are looking for monetary donations so that we will be able to purchase catch nets.

While these nets are \$95.00 each, they are very helpful when it comes time to administering medications.

A Very Special **Thanks** To All of Our Supporters...



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www.FoxValleyWildlife.org

Or Current Resident

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The FOX VALLEY WILDLIFE CENTER needs your help!

The Fox Valley Wildlife Center admitted over 1,300 animals this past year. Send your tax-deductible donation, so that we are better able to help the wildlife. Thank you for your support!

(Please make checks payable to the: Fox Valley Wildlife Center)

To help us with the cost of postage, if you would like to receive future newsletters electronically, please provide us with your email address.

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