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Hello!

The US [2014 State of the Birds Report](#) was released earlier this month by the US Committee of the North American Bird Conservation Initiative. The robust report outlines population level trends for bird species in US states and territories. I'd like rehabilitators to take away two things from this report.

First, review the list of [common species in steep decline](#). You'll be surprised to see some species on your annual intake list.

Second, realize that you can make a difference for these birds. One of the heartening findings in this report is that active conservation works. Consider the once beleaguered wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*), the peregrine falcon (*falco peregrinus*), and the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*). The Kirtland warbler (*Setophaga kirtlandii*) and California Condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*) populations are also improving. Rehabilitators in Rota are actively working to help the Mariana crow (*Corvus kubaryi*), listed on the [watch list](#) page one, on both an individual and population level. What we do matters. What we do makes a difference.

Join me in Cincinnati this December to continue the conversation,

Kai

PS Know someone who might be interested in the newsletter? Forward to them using the link at the bottom or share on social media. People can sign up for the newsletter on Facebook and at theiwrc.org/newsletter

Predation by Cats and Dogs

Symposium Flash Sale: Coming Soon



Keep your eyes out for a Symposium [registration](#) flash sale September 23rd and 24th. Member and nonmember symposium registration will be 15% off those days. We'll remind you with an email on the 23rd.

Look for the detailed paper schedule later this week on the symposium web site. Workshop, field trip, and banquet registration is also open. To register for a workshop you must first register for the symposium. You'll received a link to the workshops with your symposium confirmation.

Details at <http://theiwrc.org/symposium>

Wildlife rehabilitators around the globe have at least one thing in common—they can all expect to be presented with the victims of cats (*Felis catus*) and dogs (*Canis domesticus*) - be they birds, mammals, or reptiles, over the course of their practice. Free-roaming cats and dogs, whether feral or pets, will stalk, chase, hunt, and kill prey if given the opportunity. The impacts of cats and dogs may be seen or felt directly through injury and predation. Other impacts may be less obvious such as behavioral disturbance and disease transmission. The intensity and effects of those interactions between domestic and wildlife populations varies, depending on context and other stressors on a particular wild population, but the impact of cats and dogs on individual birds, mammals, and reptiles is indisputable.

The IWRC states:

- *Cats should be kept indoors; if allowed outdoors they should wear collars with devices designed to prevent them hunting and should be supervised at all times. No cat should be allowed to roam.*
- *Dogs should be kept confined when unsupervised. When outside they should be walked on a leash unless in an area where any impacts on wildlife can be reduced or eliminated. No dog should be allowed to roam freely;*

Download [IWRC's Cats and Dogs Position Statement](#). Also available at the [IWRC website](#).

Join us in supporting IWRC's annual silent auction!

Help celebrate the lives of species at risk by supporting IWRC's annual silent auction! This year's symposium being hosted in Cincinnati is a special one as it is a unique opportunity for all of us to team together and discuss how we can promote the survival of species. In order to host these symposiums, offer workshops and keep registration costs low IWRC must find ways to raise funds to cover some of these costs, such as hosting a benefit dinner and silent auction.

Whether you are attending the symposium, or are looking for a way to be there in spirit and support the cause, please consider donating an item for this year's auction. All items are welcome including jewellery, clothing, veterinary supplies, books and anything else you feel might attract bids.

For more information please contact Susan at sue_iwrc@live.com

Notes

Don't forget about the [Member Bring a Member](#) promotion. If you recommend that someone becomes a member of the IWRC tell them to enter your member number when registering and you'll get credit and a chance at some fun prizes and discounts!

JWR 34(2) is now published! Available to all members at <http://theiwrc.org/journal-of-wildlife-rehabilitation/jwr-current-issue>

USFWS is seeking public input on [eagle management objectives](#). Participate now.

Links

[IWRC Courses](#)

September

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, RI, USA

October

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, WA, USA
- Pain & Wound Management, WA, USA

November

- Pain & Wound Management, MI, USA

December

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, OH, USA
- Pain & Wound Management, OH, USA
- Zoonoses, OH, USA

Look for additional courses listed next month. Meanwhile, if you are interested in hosting contact Julissa at julissa@theiwrc.org

Emergency Plan in Action

A fire incident that occurred on the afternoon of August 7 near Spencer Butte, Eugene, Oregon caused a gutted house, several burnt vehicles and charred trees. Fortunately, no one was injured in the fire and firefighters managed to prevent the fire from spreading. Located northeast of Spencer's Butte, Cascades Raptor Center (CRC) decided to execute their evacuation plan the moment Executive Director Louise Shimmel saw a billowing plume of smoke a quarter mile away from the center.

[Read the post](#)

[Upcoming Conferences](#)
[Other Upcoming Opportunities](#)

Research Corner: Antibiotic Use for Pouch Orphaned Opossums

The Wildlife Center of Virginia is collecting information to determine whether the use of antibiotics in Virginia opossum pouch young found on dead mothers is warranted. Currently, it is standard protocol in many wildlife rehabilitation settings (including WCV) to place pouch young found on dead mothers on a short course of antibiotics to prevent enteritis associated with consumption of rancid milk. There is little science supporting this practice, and there is growing concern about non-judicious use of antibiotics leading to widespread resistance. WCV has spent the past two summers gathering data on antibiotic use in these opossums in a case-control clinical trial.

Please help us by [filling out this survey](#). It is anonymous and should only take you 2-3 minutes. We plan to publish the results of this survey along with the results of our clinical trial.

Thanks for your participation

Dr Dana and Dr Rich



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