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International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

Hello Friend!

Oregon has been sunny this last week. So sunny that I'm considering watering my garden. I've heard that our local rehab centers are getting their first young admissions of the year (most going back out to be reunited with parents).

At the office we are wrapping up spring courses – still waiting on the slow post from Canada to send out certificates for the Saskatoon course. We are prepping fall classes and some exciting summer courses in tropical locations (more news to come). And we are working diligently on the new textbook, *Wildlife Rehabilitation: A Comprehensive Approach*. A few hours of time in on the book lifts my spirits to no end. Which is a good thing, because I spend more than a few of my hours on the project.

Wishing you well,

Kai

Lets Talk!

The Communication Forum is now ready for full use by all IWRC members! We hope you will find it a great tool to work together with other rehabilitators getting questions answered, finding articles regarding wildlife matters and interacting with your peers. We, of course, still welcome suggestions on ways we can improve the forum to be of even more use. Due to a technical quirk of the newest Wordpress version (the platform our website runs on) we may need to activate some members' ability to post on the forum manually. If you find that you do not already have ability to post when logged into the IWRC website, please drop a quick note to our Membership Coordinator, Diana, at dianah@theiwrc.org. It only needs to include a simple "forum access" in the email title. We will make sure to get

2016 Member Directory

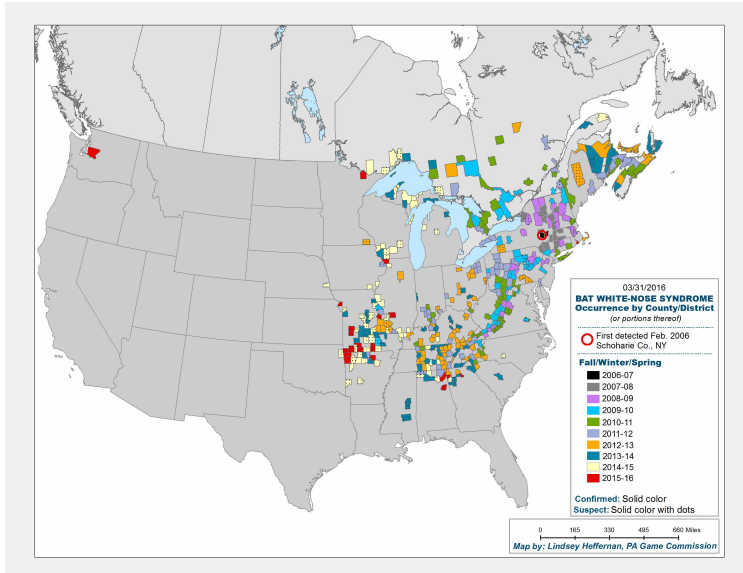
IWRC's Spring 2016 Membership Directory is ready for download by all current IWRC members. Log in to get your [PDF copy](#).



IWRC Courses

your status updated quickly so you can take part!

White-Nose found near Pacific Coast



Map by Lindsey Heffernan, Pennsylvania Game Commission

On March 31st 2016 white-nose syndrome (WNS) was confirmed in a little brown bat in Washington state. This marks the westernmost location of the disease in North America. The bat was found by hikers and brought to PAWS wildlife center just north of Seattle. USGS confirmed the diagnosis of WNS.

"We are extremely concerned about the confirmation of WNS in Washington state, about 1,300 miles from the previous westernmost detection of the fungus that causes the disease," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe. "Bats are a crucial part of our ecology and provide essential pest control for our farmers, foresters and city residents, so it is important that we stay focused on stopping the spread of this fungus. People can help by following decontamination guidance to reduce the risk of accidentally transporting the fungus."

[Press Release](#)

[White-Nose Syndrome website](#)

A Passel of Passerines

Passerine Fundamentals: A rehabilitator's guide to hand-rearing, husbandry, and preparation for successful release of passerines. by Veronica Bowers
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**Pain & Wound
Management**

April 2016

- Littleton, CO


**Basic Wildlife
Rehabilitation**

April

- Delta, BC

Fall 2016

- Kentucky
- Ohio
- Tennessee
- Washington

Fall dates and
locations TBA

More Fall classes
will be announced
this summer!

Registration opens
in June.

Focused on species native to North America but with application elsewhere. Topics include, intake, exam, feeding, housing, cleaning, reuniting, and release criteria. Diets and construction plans are included in the book. The 2016 includes a 23 page section dedicated to the identification of hatchling, nestling, and fledgeling passerines.

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Tidbits to Note

[Corvids stashing](#) of nuts and seeds has a positive effect on population of oak and pine species.

[Badger study](#) happening in Illinois

Texas needs [strategies to protect unique wildlife](#) in Hill Country.

[Jaguar natural history](#) study in Argentina.

Mismatch between research and conservation needs – [academic papers focus on well studied regions](#). In 2014 the same number (plus five) of conservation papers were written about Ecuador, Indonesia, Madagascar, and Peru COMBINED as were written about the UK.

Host a Class
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Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation

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We are scheduling Fall courses now! If you are interested in bringing a class to your area, contact Julissa at julissa@theiwrc.org

Notes

All IWRC Journals of Wildlife Rehabilitation are available to members at <http://theiwrc.org/journal-of-wildlife-rehabilitation>

The most recent published journal is February's 36(1)



Research Corner

As always, if you are working on a study and need participants, email me at director@theiwrc.org to be featured on our website and in our newsletter.



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