

IWRC International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

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Greetings!

Last Saturday, May 9th was [World Migratory Bird Day](#) (2015 theme Energy: make it bird friendly) and [International Migratory Bird Day](#) (2015 theme Restore Habitat, Restore Birds). Why there are different themes and names for the Eastern and Western hemisphere's is a different topic and one beyond my scope. But there is a link between the themes. Many a rehabilitator has seen the results of wildlife tangling with power generation sources - electrocutions, burns, amputations, and habitat destruction. This is frustrating and often heartbreaking. Wildlife rehabilitation has a role to play in improving the conservation quotient of renewable energy....

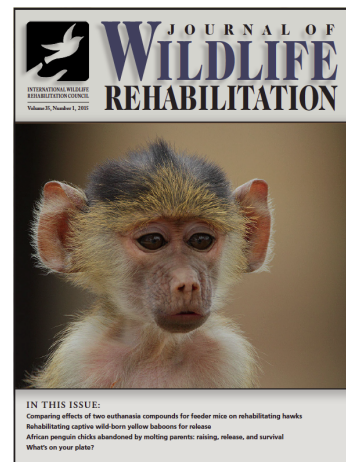
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Join me in continuing to make renewable energy truly sustainable,

Kai



World Spotlight on Plastics



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Members, [read it](#) now!

Notes

Back, by popular demand! The [raptor ID](#) section is again easily accessible in IWRC's resources section. We still have plans to revamp the structure and layout - but don't want to keep a valuable resource from our membership in the meantime.

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

Provided 2014 Symposium talks are available at <http://theiwrc.org/symposium/2014->

When the G7 meets in Germany early this June they'll be discussing reductions in plastic use and waste. As reported in [Bloomberg News](#): "So far no one has taken up the issue internationally, and we want to change that," Hendricks said in Berlin. "Plastic waste is a huge problem for wildlife conservation. Animals are literally starving with a stomach full of plastic." The UN Environment Program estimates that plastic waste causes \$13 billion in marine damage every year.

A study published this April in the Royal Society's Proceedings B links garbage, including oceanic plastic waste, to ecological scale impacts. The evidence that this waste is not only an ethical and individual welfare issue but also a large scale conservation disaster.

Paper: [Linking effects of anthropogenic debris to ecological impacts](#)

North American Bat Conservation

Much like migratory birds, and well pretty much every other animal you can think of, bats do not recognize national borders. In consideration of this the US, Canada, and Mexico have published a letter of intent to cooperate on the conservation of bat populations. The letter indicates a non-binding agreement between the countries to share best practices, improve conservation efforts, and jointly identify and fund projects benefiting the 150 species of bats in North America.

[Letter of intent](#)

USFWS blog post: [Strengthening bat conservation](#)

Research Corner: Eastern Spotted Skunk in Texas

Dr. Robert C. Dowler of Angelo State University (San Angelo, TX) and his graduate students are carrying out a research project to assess the status and genetic health of eastern spotted skunks (*Spilogale putorius*) in Texas. In an effort to gain data on the distribution of eastern spotted skunks historically and currently, we are looking for any past admission records that any wildlife rehabilitator has for this skunk species. Record information can be sent to Bonnie Gulas-Wroblewski either via e-mail to dovekey@gmail.com or via mail to Dove Key Ranch Wildlife Rehabilitation, Inc., P.O. Box 1292, Columbus, TX 78934. Although our focus is on the eastern spotted skunk, we are interested in any current or future records of both western and eastern spotted skunks. If you admit (or currently have) any spotted skunks in your facility, please call or text Bonnie Gulas-Wroblewski as soon as possible at 713-548-4718. If you receive a spotted skunk

Links

[IWRC Courses](#)

June

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, Trinidad (Freeport)
- Pain and Wound Management, Trinidad (Freeport)

July

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, St Kitts (dates not yet schedule)

We are scheduling Fall courses now!
If you are interested in hosting contact Julissa at julissa@theiwrc.org

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

that either is euthanized or dies, please freeze the body and contact us for carcass transportation arrangements. Please see below for images and descriptions of eastern and western spotted skunks. If you have any further questions about this project, feel free to contact Bonnie Gulas-Wroblewski at the above address or phone number at any time. Thank you in advance for your invaluable assistance in this project.

For more details on skunk ID visit our [research page](#) or <http://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/eastern-spotted-skunk>

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