



The bird was admitted to the Wildlife Center the next day and was identified as a young Hooded Merganser. Surprisingly, the Center's veterinary team found no injuries to the duckling. But it would need to stay at the Center for a couple of months – to grow and mature – before release.

It's important for young wildlife, particularly waterfowl, to grow up with a sibling. But mergansers – particularly ducklings – are rare patients at the Center. Center rehabber Brie Hashem came up with a solution. She identified another patient – a Wood Duckling – as a new companion. These species have similar diets and native habitats, and the two patients were about the same size and maturity.

The bonding worked, and the two ducklings shared enclosures and swimming pools for several months.

On July 30, Brie and rehab intern Shannon Mazurowski made an early-morning trip to Lake Shenandoah to release the Hooded Merganser and the Wood Duck – together.



2018 Patient Admissions

Total Admissions

Mammals [1,572 patients]

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23	American Black Bear
38	Big Brown Bat
1	Black Rat
7	Common Gray Fox
7	Coyote
30	Deer Mouse
5	Eastern Chipmunk
376	Eastern Cottontail
1	Eastern Fox Squirrel
261	Eastern Gray Squirrel
17	Eastern Red Bat
1	Evening Bat
25	House Mouse
2	Meadow Vole
2	Northern Short-tailed Shrew
90	Raccoon
23	Red Fox
5	Silver-haired Bat
24	Southern Flying Squirrel
25	Striped Skunk
2	Tri-colored Bat
12	Undetermined Mammal
414	Virginia Opossum
6	White-footed Mouse
136	White-tailed Deer

Woodchuck

Reptil	es and Amphibians [267]
3	Common Five-Lined Skink
2	DeKay's Brownsnake
3	Eastern American Toad
2	Eastern Gartersnake
1	Eastern Hog-Nosed Snake
22	Eastern Painted Turtle
16	Eastern Ratsnake
4	Eastern River Cooter
1	Eastern Spadefoot
3	Fowler's Toad
1	Green Frog
4	Northern Black Racer
1	Northern Mole Kingsnake
4	Northern Red-Bellied Cooter
5	Northern Ring-Necked Snake
2	Red-Eared Slider
1	Russian Tortoise
25	Snapping Turtle
1	Southeastern Mud Turtle
1	Western Hog-Nosed Snake
164	Woodland Box Turtle

Passerines [Songbirds] [699]

Yellow-Bellied Slider

44	American Crow
14	American Goldfinch
74	American Robin

2	Baltimore Oriole
21	Barn Swallow
1	Black-and-white Warbler
1	Blackburnian Warbler
31	Blue Jay
2	Blue-headed Vireo
6	Brown Thrasher
4	Brown-headed Cowbird
4	Carolina Chickadee
51	Carolina Wren
4	Cedar Waxwing
15	Chipping Sparrow
31	Common Grackle
2	Common Raven
3	Common Yellowthroat
3	Dark-eyed Junco
22	Eastern Bluebird
1	Eastern Meadowlark
8	Eastern Phoebe
83	European Starling
6	Fish Crow
1	Fox Sparrow
14	Gray Catbird
1	Hermit Thrush
56	House Finch
35	House Sparrow
4	House Wren
1	Indigo Bunting
69	Mourning Dove
35	Northern Cardinal
17	Northern Mockingbird
1	Northern Rough-winged Swallow
3	Purple Finch
1	Purple Martin
1	Red-eyed Vireo
1	Red-winged Blackbird
1	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
3 5 2 6	Scarlet Tanager
5	Song Sparrow
2	Tree Swallow
	Tufted Titmouse
3	Undetermined Passerine

Other Birds [231]

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1	American Coot
2	American Woodcock
1	Bufflehead
27	Canada Goose
19	Chimney Swift

Domestic Waterfowl

Winter Wren

White-crowned Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Chimney Swift
Clapper Rail
Common Loon
Common Nighthawk

1	Double-crested Cormorant
5	Downy Woodpecker
4	Great Blue Heron
1	Green Heron
2	Hooded Merganser
2	Horned Grebe
56	Mallard
8	Northern Flicker
2	Pied-billed Grebe
2	Pileated Woodpecker
11	Red-bellied Woodpecker
1	Redhead
1	Ring-billed Gull
16	Rock Pigeon
9	Ruby-throated Hummingbird
1	Ruddy Duck
1	Ruffed Grouse
1	Sora
1	Virginia Rail
8	Wild Turkey
21	Wood Duck

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

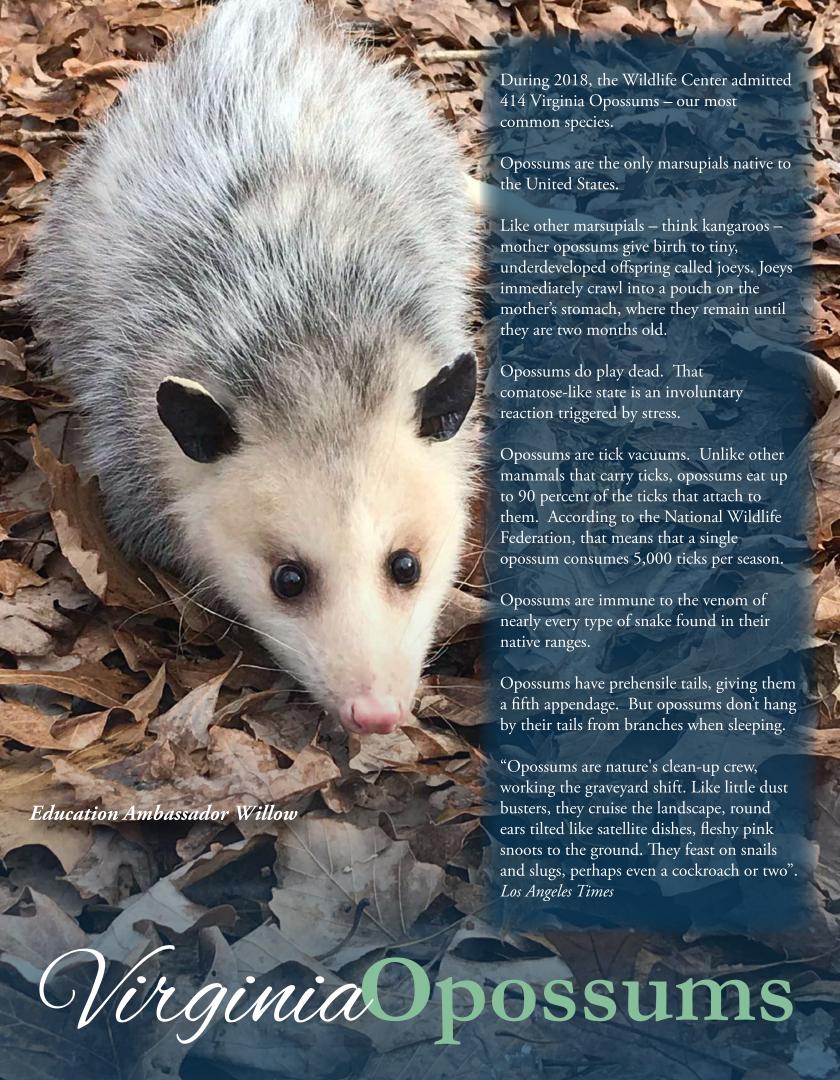
Yellow-billed Cuckoo

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Rapte	ors and Vultures [393
14	American Kestrel
43	Bald Eagle
2	Barn Owl
35	Barred Owl
11	Black Vulture
9	Broad-winged Hawk
27	Cooper's Hawk
68	Eastern Screech-Owl
1	Golden Eagle
33	Great Horned Owl
1	Long-eared Owl
1	Merlin
10	Osprey
2	Peregrine Falcon
39	Red-shouldered Haw
68	Red-tailed Hawk
2	Sharp-shinned Hawk
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Back on August 19, 2017, the Wildlife Center released two hatch-year Bald Eagles at Mason Neck State Park in Fairfax County – a female (MN18) and a male (MN72). Each eagle was released with a tiny transmitter, fitted on with Teflon straps [the way a human would wear a backpack].

These two eagles went their separate ways, generally exploring the lower Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers.

And then, in summer 2018, they began unexpectedly parallel journeys.



On November 15, the Wildlife Center was struck by a devastating ice storm. By early afternoon, ice began to accumulate on trees, posts, and roofs, and the Center lost power, lights, heat, phones, and internet service.

At about 3:30, a giant tree toppled, crushing the outdoor enclosure housing several of our education ambassadors. Within the next 30 minutes, in perilous icy conditions, staff and volunteers brought all of our resident education animals and many patients into the Center's main building.

In the next few hours, many limbs – and entire trees – continued to fall, blocking paths and the Center's parking lots.

While the Center's main clinic was miraculously spared, many of our outdoor animal enclosures were damaged or destroyed. The Center was without power for three days.

Through the timely and brave actions of Center staff and volunteers, no patient and no education animal was harmed or escaped, and no humans were injured.

The Center is now undertaking an extensive campaign to repair, renovate, and replace damaged outdoor facilities. And we're also weighing options for a back-up generator.



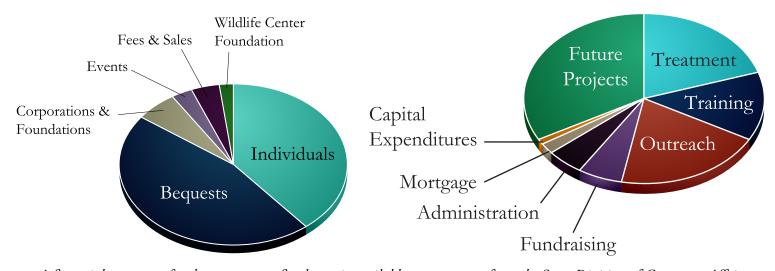
2018 Financials

The Wildlife Center of Virginia is a 501(c)(3) organization that depends on private donations – not federal, state, or local government funding – for its programs and services. The Center works hard to be an effective and efficient non-profit – we strive to keep our administrative and fundraising costs to a minimum so that we can do the best job possible as a wildlife hospital and education center.

Here's a snapshot of the Center's revenues and expenditures for 2018:

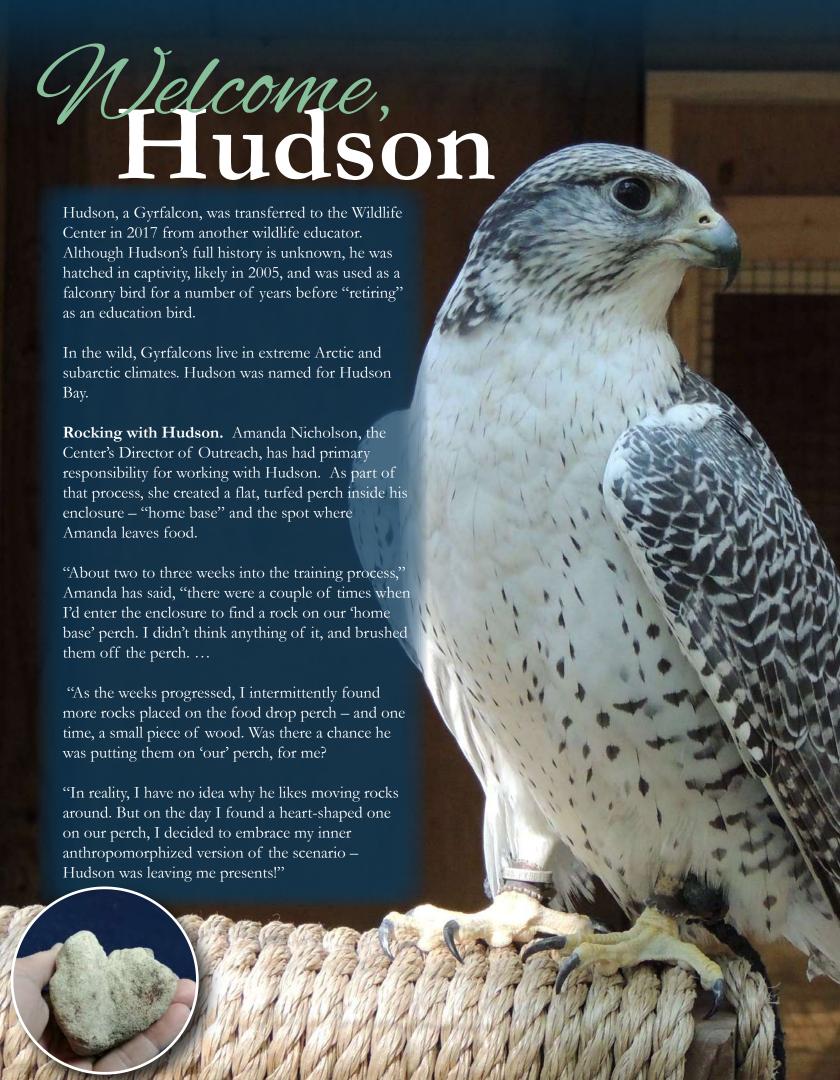
2018 Revenues		
Individuals	\$ 937,606	39%
Bequests	1,121,729	46%
Corporations/Foundations	157,560	6%
Events [net]	75,746	3%
Program Fees/Sales	85,850	4%
Wildlife Center Foundation	49,000	2%
	\$2,427,491	100%

2018 Expenditures		
Treatment	\$ 474,596	20%
Training	328,890	13%
Outreach/Conservation	475,345	20%
Fundraising	160,217	6%
Administration	122,537	5%
Mortgage	40,415	2%
Capital Expenditures	31,177	1%
Future Projects/Reserves	794,314	33%
	\$2,427,491	100%



A financial statement for the most recent fiscal year is available upon request from the State Division of Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond VA 23209, 804.786.1343. Financial statements are also posted on the Center's website.







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