



Our Finances

Our very successful event in March, Vox Naturae, a recital by Maria Pollicina and Michael Parker, launched our fundraising, and to date we have received more than \$40,000 in individual donations. Our expenses have been minimal so far, but as soon as we select a location, our expenses will increase dramatically. Helping the 1,700 sick, injured and orphaned wildlife picked up each year in the District will be possible only with your financial support.

What you can do to help: Please consider helping our area's wildlife with whatever donation you can make now. Planning and equipping the wildlife rehabilitation facility is expected to cost us around \$100,000; salaries, food, and medicines will cost even more.

Please visit www.citywildlife.org to learn more about and to support City Wildlife.

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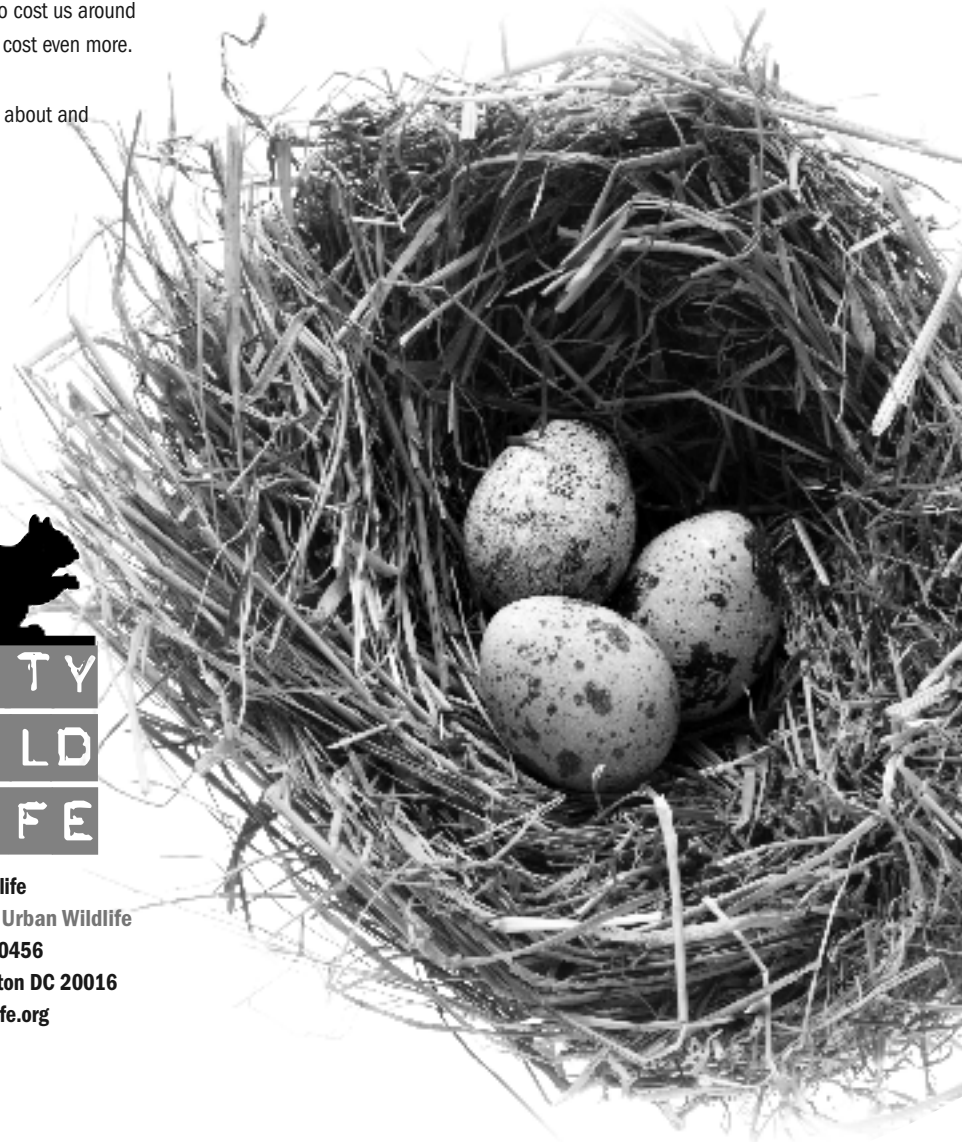


A complete financial report for City Wildlife is available on request. Please contact info@citywildlife.org.

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2010 Report to Members and Friends



THE FIRST YEAR OF CITY WILDLIFE'S OPERATION EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS. BRIEFLY, HERE'S WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED:

Lights Out DC Program

Since songbirds migrate largely at night and are attracted to light, collisions with buildings are a grave threat to the continued existence of many species, particularly the neotropical migrants. Scientists agree that collisions with buildings kill more birds than any other human factor with the exception of habitat loss.

Our Lights Out DC program documents bird/glass collisions in DC and aims to encourage downtown building owners to turn off their lights during spring and fall migration seasons to save both energy and birds' lives. It is patterned after successful programs in Toronto, Chicago, Minneapolis, Boston, New York, and elsewhere.

During April and May, and again during September and October, dedicated City Wildlife volunteers met at 5:30 a.m. at Union Station to pick up dead and injured migratory songbirds that had collided with glass in nearby buildings during the night. Birds that were injured were either released after they recovered or brought to Second Chance Wildlife Center in Gaithersburg for rehabilitation.

Walking only two days a week and in a limited area, we documented the untimely death and injury of 124 birds. Many of these were species whose populations are in alarming decline. 34 of these birds were alive when found; 29 were monitored and eventually released back into the wild (a joyous experience, to be sure!). A full report on Lights Out DC is available on our website (www.citywildlife.org).

City Wildlife leadership met with officials in the DC Department of the Environment, colleagues in leading local environmental organizations such as the Audubon Naturalist Society, D.C. Audubon Society, American Bird Conservancy, and the Anacostia Watershed Society, and numerous private citizens to make them aware of the Lights Out program and its goals. We are now meeting with members of the D.C. City Council with the same aim.

Next spring, we will expand this program with more volunteers and the increasing cooperation of early morning maintenance

workers. And now that we have documented the problem, we will begin meeting with those owners whose buildings pose a danger to birds. In addition to encouraging lights out, we will help these owners identify other ways they can reduce these tragic collisions.

Quack FAQs Program

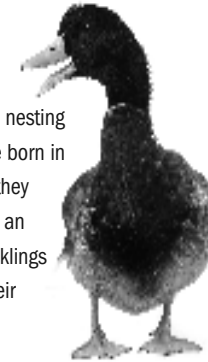
Quack FAQs aims to reduce the problem of ducks and geese nesting on roofs and in courtyards downtown. Baby ducks and geese born in these situations are often unable to reach water to feed, as they must do within 1 to 2 days of hatching to survive. Trapped in an enclosed courtyard or on a roof too high to jump off, the ducklings and goslings often starve or are eventually abandoned by their distraught mother.

City Wildlife is working with owners and managers of these buildings to discourage ducks and geese from nesting in these locations and, where possible, to rescue those who do. Our flyer Quack FAQs is available at www.citywildlife.org for more information.

Wildlife Friendly Green Roofs Campaign

With green roofs becoming ever more popular and widespread, urban landscapes have an unprecedented opportunity to become much more inviting to wildlife of numerous species. But not all green roofs provide the food, cover, breeding habitat and water sources that wildlife needs to survive. City Wildlife's educational seminar on designing green roofs for suitable habitat

was included in the DC chapter of the American Institute of Architects annual conference, and plans are underway to offer it at other conferences.



What you can do to help: Please contact us if you know of a roof or enclosed courtyard in DC where duck and goose nests are a problem. We will try to help.

What you can do to help: Please contact us if you know of a building that has, or would like to develop, a biodiverse green roof. We can help ensure that the roof works for wildlife, as well as for the general environment.

Our Wildlife Rehab Facility

We have been working hard to make our goal of opening a wildlife rehabilitation facility in the District a reality. There has never been a licensed wildlife rehabilitation center in the District of Columbia. All sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife picked up in the District must be transported to Second Chance in Gaithersburg, Maryland, or other wildlife rehabilitators—most of whom are an hour's drive or more away. Many of these animals never make it. We need a wildlife rehabilitation facility here in the District, and we are very close to making that happen.

What you can do: Expect an exciting announcement about our proposed location very soon.

Cooperation with other groups

As the only organization dedicated solely to protecting native wildlife in the Nation's Capital, City Wildlife is committed to cooperating with government agencies and other non-profit organizations with similar interests in urban wildlife. We have met with representatives of the DC Department of Health, the DC Department of the Environment, the DC Council, the National Park Service, the Washington Animal Rescue League, the Washington Humane Society, the Audubon Naturalist Society, the American Bird Conservancy, Defenders of Wildlife, Second Chance Wildlife Center, the Wildlife Rescue League of Virginia, the Anacostia Watershed Society, the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, the DC Audubon Society, the Baltimore Bird Club (of Lights Out Baltimore), the US Green Building Council, Friends of Glover Archbold Park, the Dumbarton Oaks Conservancy and others to discuss our mutual goals and ways we might cooperate to make best use of our resources in these tight economic times. Without exception, these groups have expressed their full support.

What you can do to help: Let us know if your group would like to work with us or learn more about our programs.

In addition, we have given presentations on Lights Out DC to the DC Chapter AIA, the Anacostia Watershed Society, and the Prince Georges County Audubon Society. We are happy to work with other groups and continue these presentations.