

# Bird Center of Washtenaw County

**Saving Songbirds Since 2004**

**With a mission of rehabilitating and releasing  
as many birds as possible**

# Who is the Bird Center?!

- ▶ The Bird Center is a 5013c non profit charity organization that runs off donations with no sate of federal funding. We have been located in the middle of a residential neighborhood in downtown Ann Arbor since 2012. As of 2020, we have taken in just under 1400 songbirds.



# What do we do?!

- ▶ The Bird Center takes in injured or orphaned birds. We commonly see hatchlings and nestlings that have fallen out of the nest without the ability to renest, fledglings that are injured by predators since they have the inability to fly, and injured adult birds that have collided into windows
- ▶ The most common reasons any bird comes into our center is from a cat attack, collision(window strike or car), nest/tree destruction, and pesticide, poisoning issues.
- ▶ We treat all our medical cases with veterinary prescribed medication, provide oxygen and fluid therapy, along with supportive cares. Our young birds get specialized vitamins and a live insect diet which resembles what they would eat in the wild along with live enrichment and a variety of offerings.



# Who helps the birds?!

- ▶ **Andrea Aiuto**- Clinic Director, Licensed Rehabilitator, Veterinary Technician
- ▶ Staff/ Rehab Assistants
- ▶ Seasonal Interns
- ▶ Volunteers



# How do we educate the public?!

- ▶ Through our social media platforms, brochures, and handouts we like to spread our mission, goals, and how people can help the birds.
- ▶ We attend public fundraising events yearly with other organizations
- ▶ We speak at different Wild Birds Unlimited stores, schools, and various locations with our educational ambassador, Blue, a non-releasable blue jay.
- ▶ We speak on public radio and have been featured in two films regarding bird migration and collisions.



# How can you help us?!

- ▶ Follow us on our social media platform(s) for photos, videos and updates
- ▶ Join our mailing list
- ▶ Share our information with your friends and family
- ▶ Join our online monthly donation membership on Patreon
- ▶ Purchase an apparel item from our online store
- ▶ Volunteer if possible!



# How can you help the birds at home?!

- ▶ If you are going to offer seed, offer year round. Provide a water bath and keep your feeders clean
- ▶ Protect your windows with proper blinds, decals, or deterrents
- ▶ Keep your cats indoors. Build a catio or take them on walk!
- ▶ Don't spray pesticides on your flowers or lawn
- ▶ Avoid cutting trees down during the spring and summer
- ▶ Check your yard before you mow the grass
- ▶ Plant native



# What do you do if you find a bird needing help?!

- ▶ If you have found a possible orphaned young bird place it in a box with warmth ,no food or water, then call a rehabber. They will tell you what to do next. We ask for photos so we can better see what is going on.
- ▶ If you have found a possible injured collision bird place it in a box in a stress free quiet dark area without food or water, NO heat, then call a rehabber. Most of the time these birds need medical assistance.
- ▶ Please do not pet or talk to a wild bird. Please do not feed or give water to a wild bird. We will help it when we get it!
- ▶ Most rehabbers ask of you to bring it to us since we are so busy tending to so many patients. Transporting it to us as soon as possible is best for the bird.

# Any questions?!

