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Public Help Needed To Raise Nearly 100 Orphaned Baby Birds Saved at Oakland Tree Collapse

What: Press Invite, visual opportunities of rescued birds being constantly fed; interview staff and volunteers that worked on the rescue and are currently working on the wildlife rehabilitation. Also: **JD Bergeron, Executive Director**, was one of the rescuers and also available for on-site media interviews.

When: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

Where: International Bird Rescue, San Francisco Bay-Delta Center
4369 Cordelia Road , Fairfield, CA 94534 :: [Map](#)

Fairfield, CA – International Bird Rescue is putting a special plea out to the public to help support the care and feeding of nearly 100 orphaned baby birds saved last week in downtown Oakland, CA.

[Donate Now](#)

Bird Rescue urgently needs donations and volunteers to help during this unprecedented rescue operation. Its Northern California wildlife center is now caring for 89 young birds and eggs from this incident, including: 50 Snowy Egrets, 22 Black-crowned Night-Herons, and 17 eggs, in need of intensive care and round-the-clock support. This is an addition to the more than 200 Bay Area waterbirds already in care at the busy wildlife hospital.



The need for volunteers is acute and Bird Rescue is offering a special emergency volunteer orientation this **Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 10 AM.**

[More volunteer info](#)

Background

The bird rescue event started back on Wednesday, July 10th after a large ficus tree containing a heronry of 50+ nests in downtown Oakland, CA, split at the trunk and toppled hurling nests and dozens of young birds onto the pavement below.

A concerned passerby saw the birds in crisis and called our San Francisco Bay-Delta Wildlife Center to come to the rescue. Our team was on the scene within the hour by the Oakland Post Office at Jackson and 13th Streets and began collecting the surviving birds to take into care.

After the remaining tree was deemed unsafe for the public as well as the nesting birds, the team worked two long days in Oakland as a tree service helped trim branches and collect all the remaining nesting birds and eggs.



Meanwhile, clinic staff and volunteers worked late into the evening to take care of incoming patients. In total 89 birds and eggs were rescued including: 50 Snowy Egrets, 22 Black-crowned Night-Herons, and 17 eggs in need of a warm incubator. At least two of the eggs have hatched and the hatchlings are thriving.

Note: The Black-crowned Night-Herons have special significance in Oakland. This year in May, local schoolkids from Park Day School promoted and won a city-wide petition to have the Oakland City Council declare these “fun and funky” herons the official bird of Oakland. [Read more](#)

Donate-Adopt link: <https://www.bird-rescue.org/get-involved/adopt-a-heron-egret.aspx>

About International Bird Rescue: In 1971, after 800,000 gallons of crude oil spilled into the bay, concerned individuals led by a registered nurse named [Alice Berkner](#) jumped into action, bringing International Bird Rescue to life. We have always had to pave a road where there is none. Staff and volunteers work with tenacity alongside clients, partners, and the public to find solutions. Today, we research best practices at our crisis response hospitals in California and Alaska and share them worldwide. Our mission is to inspire people to act toward balance with the natural world by rescuing waterbirds in crisis. We

dream of a world in which every person, every day, takes action to protect the natural home of wildlife and ourselves.

Learn more at <https://www.bird-rescue.org/>

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