2021 ANNUAL REPORT

A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

INTERNATIONAL BIRD RESCUE
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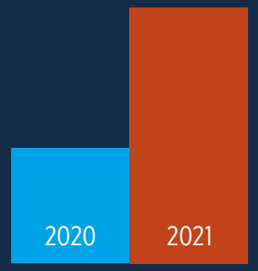
2021 IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

This year was an exceptional one for Bird Rescue — in the midst of celebrating our 50th anniversary, we rescued an entire generation of Elegant Terns and handled record numbers of patients at our wildlife centers. Take a look at some of the highlights from this banner year:

6,242
TOTAL BIRDS TREATED

120%
INCREASE IN BIRDS TREATED OVER 2020



117
UNIQUE SPECIES TREATED

4,990
HATCH-YEAR BIRDS TREATED

3,108
ELEGANT TERNS TREATED DURING LONG BEACH TERN INCIDENT

7
CRITICALLY THREATENED SNOWY PLOVERS RAISED IN CARE & RELEASED

TOP 3 SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN TREATED

ELEGANT TERNS

WESTERN GULLS

WESTERN GREBES

114
BIRDS WASHED

375
SURGERIES PERFORMED

4,377
HELP LINE CALLS HANDLED

CAUSES OF ADMISSION WITH GREATEST INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

REMOVED FROM HAZARDOUS AREA

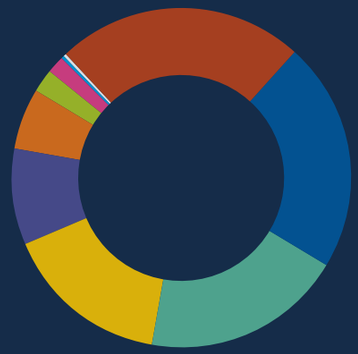
ORPHANED/FELL FROM NEST

ATTACKED BY CAT/DOG

DISEASE

HIT BY CAR

NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS DIRECTLY CAUSED BY HUMANS



FISH HOOK & LINE INJURY	181
COLLISIONS	168
CONTAMINATION	145
REMOVED FROM HAZARDOUS AREA	121
KIDNAPPED	71
CAT/DOG ATTACK	44
SHOT	18
ENTANGLEMENT (NON-FISHING GEAR)	12
INGESTION OF FOREIGN OBJECT	2
ATTACKED BY HUMAN	1

78,818
TOTAL BIRD DAYS IN CARE

28
BLUE BANDED PELICANS SPOTTED **10+ YEARS POST-RELEASE**

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137 VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED **16,233 HOURS**

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IN MEMORIAM

Terry Wall

Terry loved birds, and not only gave her time and energy to Bird Rescue, but also opened her home to us. She was a clinic volunteer for many years and really shined as an administrative volunteer helping in the Los Angeles wildlife center.

Terry was an integral part of the Bird Rescue extended family and we will always keep her in our thoughts and memories.

Debbie Halter

Debbie was an amazing volunteer and an extremely kind-hearted person who volunteered at our San Francisco Bay-Delta wildlife center since 2012. She had a fondness for pelicans and especially loved the young, orphaned birds in care. Debbie always had a smile and was happy to help the staff with support or animal care.

Debbie will be greatly missed by all the staff and volunteers that were lucky to work with her. She will always be remembered here at Bird Rescue.

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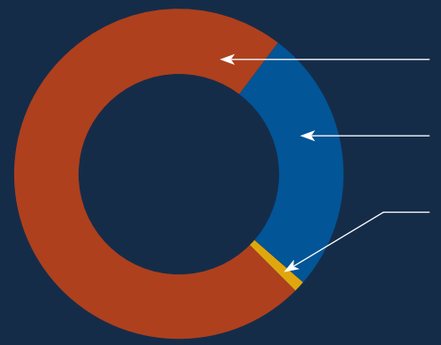

$2,022,452 - 74%
Contributed Revenue

$694,678 - 25%
Earned Revenue

$26,500 - 1%
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$2,743,630 TOTAL

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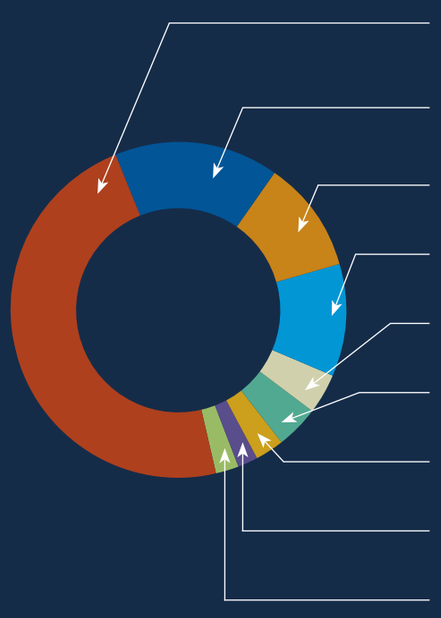

$1,306,000 - 48%
Wildlife Rehabilitation

$427,000 - 16%
Emergency Response and Preparedness

$301,000 - 11%
Fundraising

$297,000 - 11%
Administration

$114,000 - 4%
Education & Outreach

$101,000- 4%
Conservation & Innovation

$91,000 - 3%
Research & Veterinary Science

$49,000 - 2%
Training

$56,000 - 2%
Communication

$2,742,000 TOTAL

Crisis fundraising during the Long Beach Seabird Rescue and the Hunting Beach Pipeline Incident helped Bird Rescue to care for more birds in one year than ever before, to invest in growth, and to increase cash reserves for use in future wildlife emergencies.

Regarding the pie charts, you may notice some new program areas. Bird Rescue reassessed its impact and added new focus on Training and Conservation to address the challenges of birds in a changing world.

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