



2022 Patient of the Year

The 2022 Patient of the Year is the Red-tailed Tropicbird! Nicknamed the “Lady Gaga bird” by a TV news reporter, the tropicbird was a stowaway in the engine room of a container ship that arrived from Korea into the Port of Los Angeles in March 2022.

Photo By Katrina Plummer



Letter from CEO

2023 is off and running and fortunately the number of birds in care is lower at this time of year. That said, many winter patients are facing complex medical challenges and require more care.

This newsletter is a look back at moments large and small that made 2022 at International Bird Rescue a year to remember.

In 2022, we experienced wildlife crises and successes together. I am proud of our team and our community of supporters who stepped up to meet new challenges, established life-saving best practices and protocols for patient care, and responded to events across the globe.

Bird Rescue cared for birds affected by oil spills in California, Oregon, and Peru, as well as other wildlife emergencies. These included a large-scale pelican crisis, raising displaced cormorant chicks, and navigating the growing threat of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, also known as bird flu.

You helped make all this - and so much more - possible through your generous support. We are profoundly grateful. As we step forward into 2023, we do so confidently with your support. While we can't predict the inevitable challenges that lie ahead, I am grateful that your support will enable us to face them.

With best wishes for an excellent 2023.



J. Bergeron

CEO, International Bird Rescue

To learn more about International Bird Rescue's impact in 2022, please check out our Annual Report at <https://birdrescue.org/impact>

2022 Year in Review



Photo by IBR

January 2022:

Bird Rescue Response Team Deployed to Assist in Peru Oil Spill

Our experienced team of wildlife professionals responded to a major Peru oil spill to support our partner organization, Brazil-based Aiuká, and help care for impacted wildlife.

February 2022:

Brown Pelican with Badly Fractured Femur Makes Full Recovery

A young Brown Pelican that was hit by a truck on Pacific Coast Highway, was returned to the wild after making a

remarkable recovery. Back in November 2021, our friends at California Wildlife Center transferred the critical patient to our Los Angeles wildlife center for treatment. A member of the public had witnessed the collision and alerted wildlife rescuers. The pelican was in rough shape when she arrived - her left femur had been broken, and she had suffered several wounds on her wings, feet, and bill. Our team immediately went to work to get her the help she needed. After 96 days in care, the pelican was finally cleared for release!



Photo by Olivia Jenkins

March 2022:

Response and Preparedness Carries on with Trainings Throughout Global Pandemic

The Response and Preparedness Team - even during COVID-19 in-person restrictions were busy as ever, offering training all over the world: from Israel to Canada to Alaska.



Photo by Devin Bergeles

April 2022:

Bird Rescue Team Mobilized for Medford Fuel Station Oil Spill

Bird Rescue received a call to respond to a spill in Medford, Oregon, as thousands of gallons of petroleum products were released into a sensitive natural area. A team of six was quickly activated on the ground working to rescue wildlife affected by the spill.



Photo by IBR



Photo by Ariana Gastelum

May 2022:
Bird Rescue Responds to Major Brown Pelican Crisis in California

Since the beginning of May, the nonprofit's Los Angeles Wildlife Center was inundated with these majestic birds. The cold and starving seabirds arrived sick and many had injuries associated with increasingly risky efforts to find food. All of them were in need of Bird Rescue's specialized rehabilitation skills to help them return to the wild.

June 2022:
100 Pelicans released from Brown Pelican Crisis, One Pelican receives third chance at life

Since mid-May Bird Rescue has received 320 injured and starving Brown Pelicans at its two California wildlife centers. Most of these rescued birds have flooded into the nonprofit's Los Angeles Center in San Pedro. The majority of the birds were rescued along the coast in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties, with more than 150 birds rescued from LA County. In Northern California about 40 birds came into care from primarily Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.



Photo by Ariana Gastelum

July 2022:
Protocols Established for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

Rising to the Challenges of Deadly Bird Flu in 2022. The threat to wild birds is real: Bird Flu, known to the scientific community as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), has emerged in 2022 as a serious and deadly threat to birds in a changing world.



Photo by Ariana Gastelum

August 2022:
International Bird Rescue launches youth outdoor education program at historic Cordelia Slough near its San Francisco Bay-Delta Wildlife Center

Participating students experience a nature walk led by experienced International Bird Rescue docents and learn about the ecosystems and biology surrounding the Cordelia Slough.



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September 2022:
American White Pelican Spent Four Months Recuperating with Bevy of Brown Pelicans

If you ever took a peek at Bird Rescue's Los Angeles BirdCam between May and August, you marveled over the site of hundreds of Brown Pelicans, recovering from the Brown Pelican Crisis. With a closer look, one big bird stood out from the crowd: the American White Pelican. After 134 days in care, this bird finally earned his second chance in the wild on September 8.



Photo by Ariana Gastelum

October 2022:
Record Number of Attendees at 2022 Effects of Oil on Wildlife Conference

More than 160 individuals from 13 countries, representing 60 wildlife organizations, state agencies, universities, and oil industry groups, attended the 14th Effects of Oil on Wildlife (EOW) 2022 Conference. This is the largest number of registrants in EOW history!

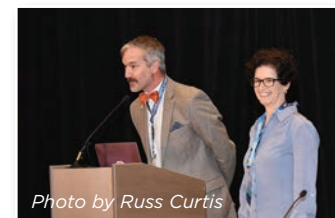


Photo by Russ Curtis

November 2022:
Sacramento Diesel Spill: Contaminated Canada Geese and American Beavers Received Care

A small number of Canada Geese and American Beavers recovered at the incident site at Tanzanite Park in Sacramento, CA arrived for care on November 15, 2022 at the San Francisco Bay Oiled Bird Care and Education Center in Fairfield, CA.



Photo by Elijah Gordon

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TAKING FLIGHT

Save the Date

Awards Ceremony
and Celebration

June 14, 2022

Freight & Salvage in Berkeley, CA

Stay tuned for information on
purchasing tickets

Baby bird season is just around the corner and we are expecting a very busy year! Your compassion and generous financial support makes it possible for thousands of birds every year to have a “second chance” at life. Please consider making a gift to help save baby birds.

Give Online:

www.birdrescue.org



Photo by Cheryl Reynolds

Your 2022 Impact

We are so grateful for your support in 2022 that made it possible to:

- Care for 3,400 waterbird patients, including 574 individuals from species of special concern
- Help 2,200 birds through our Bird HelpLine
- 327 birds went through the wash and waterproofing process
- Release 250 Brown Pelicans with special blue bands
- 200 reports of former patients thanks to their leg bands
- 113 unique species cared for



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December 2022:

Former Brown Pelican Patient Sighted Nearly Six Years After Release

There's no greater feeling as a wildlife professional than to see one of your former patients back in the wild thriving – especially nearly 6 years later. A case in point is a Brown Pelican with blue band “X39” that was spotted and photographed by citizen Cedrik von Briel at Pillar Point Harbor in San Mateo County, California. She was reported through our online reporting portal on November 21, 2022.



Photo by Cedrik von Briel