



Clearwater Sanctuary

Compassion in Action



November 2022 Newsletter

Fall in Love With Our Wildlife!



As the temperatures begin to cool, changes are happening at Clearwater. Most of our summer babies are grown and being released back to the wild. Now they begin their lives as members of the tree and forest communities where they were born and are meant to be. It's exciting to see them graduate

and take on their roles in the wild. Here are some of the animals who are making their way back to nature.







FALL MIGRATION

Look Out For These Species





**Ruby Throated
Hummingbird on
Bottlebrush**



**Monarch Butterfly
on Milkweed**

Northern Shoveler



White Throated Sparrow



**Yellow Rumped
Warbler**



**Blue-Gray
Gnatcatcher**



**Ruby Crowned
Kinglet**

Fall is an exciting time in Louisiana for birders and wildlife photographers! Many species that head north in spring return for fall or migrate through on their way to Central and South America. Here are some species to watch for: yellow rumped warblers, ruby crowned kinglets, blue-gray gnatcatchers, northern shovelers, ruby-throated hummingbirds, white

throated sparrows and the ever-loved monarch butterflies.

To attract and refresh hummingbirds on their arduous journey,, make a simple syrup solution for them with one part white sugar to four parts water. DO NOT use any food coloring or dye, it could harm the birds. When it's warm outside, replace the solution at least twice a week. Keep the feeders clean as any mold or mildew can cause disease. You

You can also attract and help butterflies. For ideas, visit our Butterfly Garden in the middle of town on N. Theard behind Lola's. The city gave Clearwater a parking lot to transform into a garden. Now it's an oasis for butteflies and pollinators in the middle of our quaint downtown.

The Clearwater Butterfly Garden's Metamorphosis

Raised beds have taken our butterfly to a whole new level. These honeycombed planter boxes have been filled with rich soil and several varieties of perennial and annual shrubs and plants to attract butterflies and bees. Stop by, take a cup of coffee or tea, sit a while and enjoy the efforts by the awesome team of Clearwater volunteers to bring a buzz to downtown Covington!



Spotlight On The Humans Who Care



Wendie Decker, wildlife team leader and trainer, who along with husband Bill, fosters and rehabilitates a variety of Clearwater orphaned and injured animals. Beaver, opossum, raccoons, birds, squirrels - she's helped them all. Wendie has played many roles over the six years she has been at Clearwater. She also participates in the Clearwater yoga, meditation and community groups. Wendie brings her background in zoology and ornithology to benefit the animals.



Donna Su, wildlife team leader and trainer, comforts some of our precious felines. Clearwater offers sanctuary to a limited number of pets. Wildlife goes back to nature, but the domestics become part of the family, never caged! With her Master's in technical writing, Donna creates amazing charts and maps to keep track of the thousands of animals per year, spread out over 20 acres, that come to Clearwater for care. Very important!!!

Community Service Days

1st Sundays of the Month

Next One Sunday, November 6th

1-4pm

It's a Hoot for a Good Cause!



Professional musicians Annie Young-Bridges and Matthew Shilling surprised us with delightful tunes during our October community service day. What will our surprise be this month? ... ?

Our first community service day since the pandemic was a glorious day of fun, fellowship and progress. We were happy to welcome friends aged 8 to 80. This is a family friendly way to do good works while enjoying an afternoon in the country with people of like mind and spirit. Join us this month, November 6th, 1-4pm. Many thanks to Jimmy John's and Lynn Willems for supplying our refreshment.

Sign up: 985 630-1009 or info@clearwatersanctuary.org





FEAST DAY

A scrumptuous feast to thank our wildlife teams for their dedication to the defenseless, injured and orphaned wildlife of Louisiana

November 19th, 1:00-3:30pm



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