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cedar run wildlife refuge
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did you know? 8 kinds of owls are native to New Jersey: barn, barred, great horned, screech (year-round) and long-eared, short-eared, saw-whet & snowy (migrating).

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The Year of the Red Fox

fox hunts, so they brought more over to augment the native population. Records indicate red fox were brought into the New England and Mid-Atlantic settlements in the late 1700s, to support the hunting habits of settlers. Today the red fox can be found in almost every area of New Jersey, including some of the more urban areas. Our resident red fox, Digger, came to us after being hit by a car in Camden.

While Digger no longer has use of one of his rear legs due to the injuries he sustained, he is a great example of how adaptable and intelligent these animals are.

We are now running a small but vital fund-raising campaign exclusively to help us care for these adorable babies. We need to build a new, specially-designed enclosure to enable us to raise the kits until they are old enough to be released back to the wild. I ask that you please consider helping us to help them with a donation towards this effort.

You can find videos of the fox kits on our Facebook page! Keep tuning in as we update it weekly. —Jeanne Gural

“Santa Bob” is at it again!

IN APRIL, OUR GENEROUS “GUARDIAN OF THE WILD”, Bob Aaronson helped us to secure a brand new Ford F150 longbed pickup truck. We have increased its visibility on the road with the addition of our familiar Cedar Run “Foxface” logo on both door panels and, of course, the “Foxtail” symbol on the tailgate!

Special thanks go to Holman Ford of Maple Shade for their help and support in this process. Many thanks also for the donation of the graphics by Vic Gorin, owner of Precision Sign Works. www.vinylgrafx.com



New & Improved “Online Presence”!
www.cedarrun.org
We are going live with a BRAND NEW website soon!
Videos, pictures and informative animal updates!
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Did you know?
...that we do not receive funds from local, state or federal governments.
We rely on YOUR donations to provide animal care and education programs for your community.
Our programs reach out to 30,000 people annually. More than 19,000 school and scout kids are served by our education programs, and last year over 4,000 injured and orphaned animals were treated at our wildlife hospital.
Please consider becoming a member!
See inside for details.



Raining Baby Owls! Every animal brought to the Refuge has a unique story.

IF YOU’VE RECENTLY SEEN A GHOSTLY FIGURE, clad in a dirty white sheet and a pillowcase hood with cut-out eye-holes, streaking through the grounds of Cedar Run, you’ve not encountered the ghost of Christmas



past or some time-lapsed trick or treater looking for a hand out. No...you’ve run into Stephanie Stewart, Cedar Run’s Wildlife Rehabilitation Director otherwise known as the Owl Nanny.

Stephanie, who can rarely be found in anything but jeans and a t-shirt, created this clever disguise so our latest wildlife patients would not become too accustomed to their human nursemaids and begin to think of them as their parents.

During early critical periods of a baby animal’s life they may imprint on those caring for them (even when the objects of this care are not their parents) making a future release into the wild a precarious proposition.

On a crisp, windy day in late March, a thickly-downed, 10-day old baby great horned owl was brought to the Cedar Run rehab hospital. Though the baby appeared to be in relatively good health, it had a wound on its back. After some tender-loving care the baby owl recovered from its injury and it was decided to attempt to place him back into the nest from which he had fallen. But when Cedar Run staff was unable to locate the family who had brought in the baby owl, a new plan was needed. It was decided instead to place our new little guest with one of our resident great horned owls. JJ—who had been used as an owl surrogate in the past—was always happy to hang out with these cute little additions to her enclosure, but refused to feed them. She thought that was our job. So, dressed in a white sheet and a pillow-case, with an owl puppet on her hand, Stephanie twice daily slipped into JJ’s enclosure

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IN ADDITION TO THE HUNDREDS of baby birds, squirrels and rabbits we take in and treat, each year our wildlife rehab team seems to experience trends in the animals we see coming in. One year we could see more groundhogs than usual, the next we could see more shore birds. Some of this is due to oscillating population levels, some of it due to construction or displacement in certain areas, and some of it is just happenstance. As we were preparing for both our electronic and paper newsletters, I wrote a story titled “The Year of the Owlet”, due to our team treating or re-nesting eight great horned owlets in a span of about eight days. But then we took in six red fox kits, then one more, then six more, including a nursing mother.

We now have 14 fox; six littermates who lost their mother, a single lost kit and a Mother with her five kits. The single lost kit joined the orphan group, and we are keeping the Momma and her kits together in a separate area. Then we got a heartbreaking call about a fox kit that was sleeping next to his mother who had been killed. He was there for at least a few

days, without food, without water. The rest of his littermates were gone, we do not know where, but this little guy luckily made it here.

After his quarantine period, we hope to have him join the Momma fox and her kits, so he will once again have a family. So what we thought was going to be the year of the owlet, quickly turned into the year of the red fox.

There are two species of fox found in New Jersey, the red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) and the grey fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*). The history of the red fox in New Jersey is a complicated one, like many of us. While the grey fox naturally occurs throughout North America, there is some dispute as to whether the red fox naturally occurred here or if it was introduced by European settlers. Turns out, both scenarios may be true. The red fox may have been native to the area since the species is found throughout North America, including Canada. However, it is also likely that the red fox were not found in the numbers the European settlers would need for their

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Wine & Wildlife Festival 2011!
Love animals and want to help support their chance to live in the wild?
Saturday, May 21, 4:30pm – 7:30pm; Tickets: \$50 per person

LIKE GOOD FOOD AND WINE? BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE CONSERVING WILD SPACES? Come support us—the largest multi-species wildlife rehabilitator in New Jersey. We are hosting our tenth annual event on May 21st between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wine tasting, fabulous food, incredible auction items, live animals and back by popular demand... beer tasting! Musical entertainment provided by BLUESBOX DELUX—voted best blues band of 2009 & 2010 by Courier Post readers. Tickets available at Canal’s Wines Unlimited in Medford or at the Refuge.

Please call for tickets or info: 856.983.3329 Ext. 100.



Event Poster 2011



MISSION

Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge is a 174 acre wildlife refuge, wildlife rehabilitation hospital & environmental education center whose mission is to function as a community resource on the importance of protecting and enhancing healthy ecosystems for all. To that end, Cedar Run engages in: ecologically-based land management; the operation of a Federally and NJ State licensed hospital facility that cares for nearly 4,000 injured, orphaned or displaced native wild animals each year; the education of over 19,000 students annually through our various on-site and outreach programs; and serves as an active resource to the greater New Jersey community on all wildlife and habitat related questions and issues.

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Help us help the animals: The Annual Trustee's Appeal

OUR ANNUAL TRUSTEE'S APPEAL WILL BE ARRIVING IN MAILBOXES THIS SUMMER. Each year our Board of Trustee's runs this appeal to ensure Cedar Run has the funds we need to keep our resident animals fed and healthy and the refuge moving forward. If you have not renewed your membership, we encourage you to do so. It truly takes a village to run a refuge and we cannot do so without you.

Raining Baby Owls! *(cont'd from front page)*

and held out pieces of dead mice to the baby owl. JJ looked on serenely, glad it wasn't her responsibility to keep this little critter well fed!

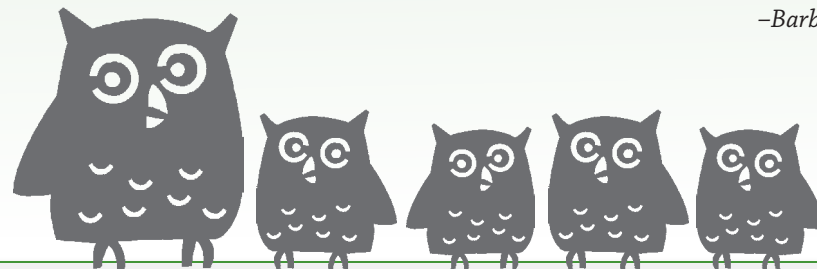
Just as JJ and the baby owl began to bond, Cedar Run received a call about a new baby owl that had fallen from a nest. It seemed another rehabber had picked up an additional baby from this same location but felt it wasn't appropriate to try and return the owl to the nest because it had serious injuries. Recognizing an opportunity, rehab staff came up with a plan. Since the owl parents believed they have two owls to tend to, maybe they wouldn't notice that one was not actually their own!

After checking out the new owlet and making sure it wasn't injured, the baby owls were put together. Staff placed nesting material (leaves and sticks) in a laundry basket and then returned with the owlets to the location of the original nest. After using a ladder to reach the lowest branches of a tall white pine tree, Stephanie, an avid rock climber, pulled herself from branch to branch, until she had ascended thirty feet into the air. After hoisting up the laundry basket nest with the owlets inside, she carefully secured the basket to the sturdy limbs of the pine tree. Within minutes of being placed back in the tree, the baby owls begin to cluck. Stephanie, noticing the curious parents circling overhead, made a fast descent.

Several days later Cedar Run received a call from the family who was watching over the nest. One of the babies was back on the ground! Stephanie quickly returned and after checking out the fallen owl for injuries, hoisted him back up into the nest. While up in the tree she saw that the nest included pieces of dead rabbits and mice, a clear sign that the parents were feeding the owlets.

Not long after, another distress call came into Cedar Run. "We have two baby owls on the ground. It looks like their nest has fallen out of the tree. Can you help?" Before the phone was back in the receiver, rehab staff was in the basement collecting a laundry basket to build another owl nest!

-Barbara Solem



Serenade for Wildlife 2011

THIS PAST MARCH 20th we hosted our annual **Serenade for Wildlife**. More than 100 concert-goers enjoyed a peaceful afternoon at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church venue in Tabernacle. Thanks again to the performers: William & Nancy Stokking, Jonathan Beiler and Norma Meyer—as well as the up-and-coming young talent, Mitchell Dominguez and Ben Sutin—whose artistry and generosity made this event possible.

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Thanks also to *Ararat Carpet and Flooring* and *Hudson City Savings Bank* for their donations.



did you know? Over 4000 species of bees can be found in North America, they are the primary pollinators of plants and agricultural crops. However, the familiar honey bee is actually native to the continents of Europe, Asia and Africa. It was only introduced to North America in the early 1600s.

family programs: night hikes & "wild side" hiking

ON SECOND SATURDAYS of the month, a naturalist will help you explore the Refuge during twilight hours. Call for times and themes or check our website for an updated schedule. *Pre-registration is required. \$10 per adult; \$5 for ages 17 and under.*

ON THIRD SUNDAYS of the month, join our Naturalist in search of the wild! Meet at 1:30pm at the Education Center for a guided hike. *Included in the price of admission.*



Upcoming Events: mark your calendars!

NATURALIST HIKES

- May 15th 1:30PM "Vernal Pools"** The vernal or spring pools are important to many of our native amphibians. Discover the wonders of these temporary pools of water.
- June 19th 1:30PM "Invertebrate Adventure"** We'll play in the mud, dig in the dirt and turn over logs in search of the many invertebrates found at the refuge. Please be prepared to get wet and dirty.
- July 17th 1:30PM "Summer Edibles"** Summer is the best time to search for the edible plants in the Pine Barrens. Discover the variety of edible plants found at the refuge.
- August 21st 1:30PM "Reptiles in the Pines"** Meet one of our reptile ambassadors and then embark on a guided hike to seek out some of the refuge's resident reptiles.

NIGHT HIKES

- May 14th 6-8pm "Fantastic Frogs"** Explore the refuge after hours with our naturalist and find out who is who among the calls of the night.
- August 13th 8-10pm "Bats, Bugs and Meteors"** It's time for the annual Perseid meteor shower. We'll go out and "blacklight" for some bugs and search the sky for bats and meteors.

DO YOU HOME SCHOOL? Join us on the Second Thursday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Each month brings with it a brand new lesson and brand new adventures in the wild! *Pricing is \$7 per child. Advanced registration is required.*

- May 12th 1-3PM "Amazing Pond Life"**
- June 9th 1-3PM "Ewww Bugs!"**

KNEE-HIGH NATURALISTS It's never too soon to explore the Refuge! Join us on the Second Thursday of the month from 1:00-2:30 p.m. and learn about the world around us with your 3-5 year-old. *Pricing is \$7 per child. Advanced registration is required.*

- May 12th 1-2:30PM "Good Insects"**
- June 9th 1-2:30PM "Incredible Frogs"**

ASK ABOUT OUR ECO-CLUB: 2nd Saturday of the month
Ages 8-15.

SPECIAL EVENT!

June 8th 9am-10:15am "Yoga in the WILD!"
Pricing is \$5 adults/\$3 children. Call for details! 856-983-3329 x103.

Is your budget low and you're looking to GO WILD?! Contact us about our affordable on and off-site education programs for all ages! We meet NJ Core Curriculum Standards. Call 856-983-3329 x103 for more details.

LOOKING FOR SOME SUMMER FUN? *SUMMER DAY CAMPS 2011*

DISCOVER SOME FUN IN THE WILD! Explore wetlands, woodlands and Cedar Run lake during our week-long ecology camps with hands-on activities and live wild animal experiences. Ages 4-13. June 27-August 12. Spots are still available.
For more information visit our website www.cedarrun.org or call (856) 983-3329 ext. 103.

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Membership/Adoption Form

membership *(please choose one)*

Annual memberships support our three-fold mission of habitat conservation, wildlife rehabilitation and environmental education.

- FRIEND** \$1000
- EAGLE CLUB** \$500
- SUSTAINING** \$250
- SUPER FAMILY** \$100
- FAMILY PLUS** \$50
- FAMILY** \$30
- INDIVIDUAL** \$25

MEMBERS RECEIVE:

- Free admission to the refuge
- Invitation to members-only events
- Our quarterly publications
- Discounts on merchandise

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Cedar Run WR
4 Sawmill Road
Medford, NJ 08055

Thanks!

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If you are giving an adoption please **also** provide the name and address of the recipient.

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other ways to help! *(please check below to receive information)*

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- YES!** JOIN OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS.
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