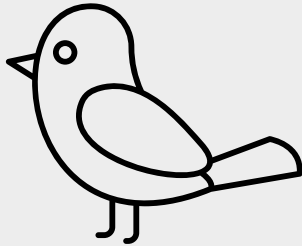




WILDLIFE CENTER OF THE NORTH COAST



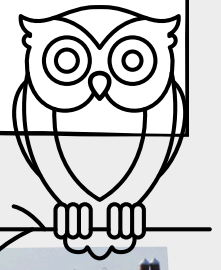
The Wildlife Center of the North Coast (WCNC) is a special hospital for animals in Astoria, Oregon. Our job is to help wild animals who are hurt, sick, or lost, and then teach people about how to take care of them and protect their homes.



WHO WE ARE

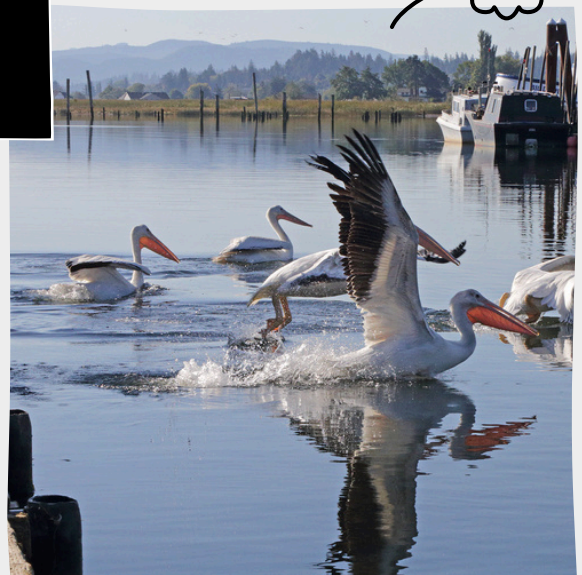
We rescue and take care of all sorts of native animals like birds, ducks, and mammals, making sure they're healthy and strong before setting them free back into nature where they belong. We also teach kids and adults about wildlife and how to keep them safe through fun programs like summer camps and field trips.

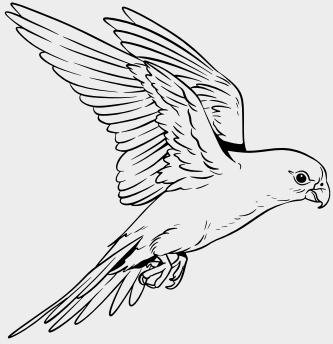
We have special permission from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and the US Fish & Wildlife Service to do this important work.



WHAT WE DO

Our center is the only place like it in our area, helping animals along the coast of Oregon. Every year, we help over 1,000 animals, especially seabirds. But we help all kinds of creatures, big and small, to make sure they can go back to their homes healthy and happy.

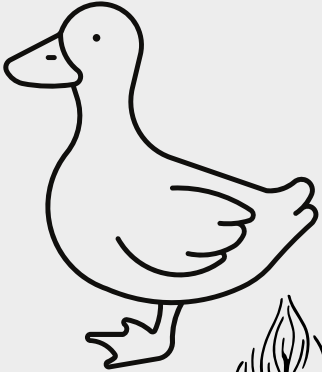
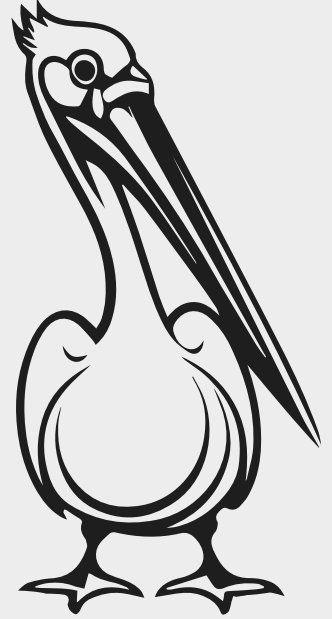




ANIMALS IN THE HOSPITAL

The animals at WCNC are our special guests, but they're not pets that we can play with.

They've had a tough time, and we're helping them get better so they can go back to their homes in the wild. We have to treat them gently and let them keep their wild instincts, so they're ready to go back to nature.



WHILE YOU'RE VISITING

When you come to visit, we want you to enjoy seeing our hospital, but it's important to remember that the animals we are caring for need peace and quiet to feel safe and get better. So, we ask everyone to use soft voices and be respectful of the animals' space.

If a staff member asks you to be quiet, please listen. It's all to help our animal friends feel calm and happy.




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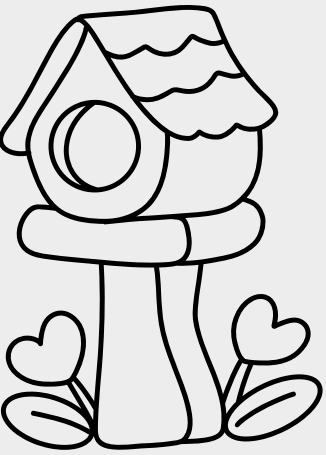
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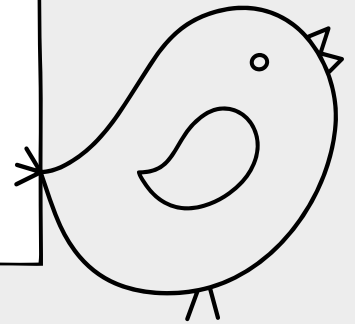
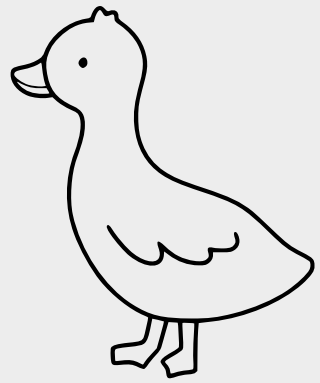
EDUCATION AMBASSADORS



At the Wildlife Center of the North Coast, we have some special animals called ambassadors. These animals can't go back to living in the wild because they wouldn't be able to survive on their own. Instead, they stay with us and help teach people about native animals.



Our ambassadors are like friendly teachers who show visitors how cool and important wildlife is. By meeting them, people learn to care for animals and want to keep them safe in their natural homes. So, our ambassadors are like wildlife superheroes, helping us all become better friends to nature!



OUR AMBASSADORS



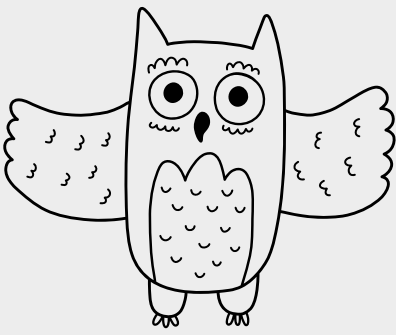
Odin



Cormie



Nelle



ODIN

Western Screech-Owl

ODIN'S STORY

In 2014, a special owl named Odin came to stay with us at WCNC. She had a bit of a rough time and was found on a road near Astoria. It seemed like she had been hurt by a car because her right eye was badly hurt.

Even though we tried our best to help her, her eye couldn't see again, and she had trouble hunting for food on her own. So, we knew she couldn't go back to living in the wild like other owls. Instead, we decided to welcome her to our education team.

Odin was used to living freely in the wild with her owl family, so at first, she felt a little shy and unsure around people. But every day, she joins in on special training sessions where we help her feel more confident and comfortable with us.

She has some favorite things, too, like munching on mice and mealworms, taking evening baths, and searching for tasty insects. With a little help from us, Odin is becoming a brave and happy owl who loves being part of our team!



ABOUT SCREECH-OWLS

- Western Screech-owls do not “screech” - their main song is a series of short whistled hoots that become more closely spaced toward the end, described as sounding like a bouncing ball.
- Eats a diverse array of small animals— primarily small rodents, but also birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish, insects, crayfish, slugs, snails, and worms.
- Average lifespan in the wild is less than 2 years. Oldest known bird in the wild was 13 years old.





CORMIE

Double-crested Cormorant



CORMIE'S STORY

In July of 2015, a little cormorant named Cormie came to stay with us at WCNC. She had a bit of an adventure when an eagle accidentally dropped her into a tree! Luckily, a kind person found her and brought her to our center.

When we checked her, we found out Cormie had hurt her left wing, so she couldn't fly properly. That meant she couldn't go back to living in the wild where cormorants belong.

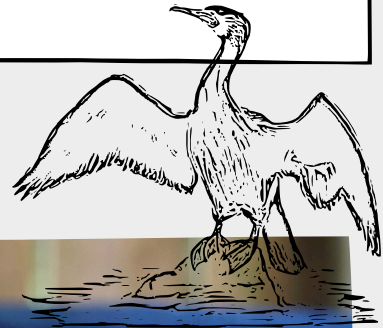
Since she was just a baby when she arrived, Cormie grew up inside our center, getting used to being around people.

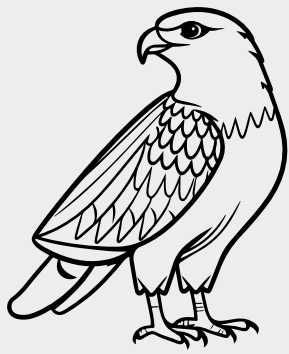
After some time, Cormie got to explore outside in a special area. And not long after, she started her training so she could help teach people about cormorants and how amazing they are. And that's how Cormie became one of the special animals at WCNC!



ABOUT CORMORANTS

- Double-crested cormorants are found throughout North America. Some populations are migratory, others are resident.
- There are 6 species of cormorants in North America, three of them on the Oregon Coast: Double-crested, Pelagic and Brandt's. Typically only the double-crested will be found inland, the other two remain near the coastline.
- Can dive to depths of about 25 feet, and can stay underwater for about a minute.
- Average lifespan in the wild is 6 years, the oldest known wild bird was 22 years old.





NELLE

Red-tailed Hawk



NELLE'S STORY



In October of 2021, a sweet bird named Nelle was found in a parking lot in Albuquerque, NM. She had been there for a few days and was very skinny and seemed to have hurt her head. But with lots of love and care, she got better and stronger!

Even though she was feeling better, her left eye couldn't see properly anymore. So, it wasn't safe for her to go back to living in the wild where she might get hurt again. But Nelle was such a friendly bird and loved being around people, so we thought she'd be perfect to help teach others about wildlife!

In October 2022, Nelle joined our team at WCNC as an educational ambassador. She's got a really easygoing personality and loves hanging out with humans. Now, she gets to be part of our team, showing everyone how awesome birds like her are!

ABOUT RED-TAILED HAWKS

- Widespread and common throughout all of North America
- Much variety in plumage color among the population, but easily distinguished from other hawk species by the reddish tail, which they acquire in their second year.
- Hunts primarily small mammals, birds and reptiles. Opportunistic predator, focusing on largest prey that is readily available.
- A diurnal raptor, they are active during the day, and spend more than 90% of daylight hours perched.
- The oldest known red-tail in the wild was 27 years old. The oldest known red-tail in human care is at least 33 years old.

