



November/December NEWS & NOTES

Woodstork Recap

FWMA would like to thank everyone who participated in our 4th Annual Woodstork Festival. Woodstork is our biggest fundraiser of the year and, thanks to the tremendous support of our volunteers, local businesses, attendees and sponsors, we were able to raise over \$4,300 for the center. It was a fun event despite the extremely windy conditions that accompanied us that day. There were great bands, tasty food, an assortment of fantastic artists and craft people, super education displays and lots of great items to win at the silent auction, live



auction and raffle. The raffle had a grand prize of a glass bottom kayak which brought lots of excitement. The photo contest entries were on display and this year brought some fabulous entries – one of which is being used for our 2011 Christmas card. Thanks to everyone who attended and made this a smashing success – if you missed it please put it on your calendar for next year, Woodstork is the second Saturday in October and you can always find out more information at www.woodstorkfestival.com.



2011 at FWMA



Its been a very busy season this year and there have been over 720 wildlife patients treated so far. Baby season is finally drawing to a close although we have still received some late arrivals of fawns and neonate grey and flying squirrels. We have provided care for so many interesting animals this year from baby armadillos, screech owls and ospreys to bald eagles, a limpkin and an American bittern. Among the most common patients were grey squirrels, virginia opossums, white tailed

deer, raccoons and our usual array of baby songbirds – they seemed to take advantage of the very long, hot summer that we had. Over 170 orphaned grey squirrels and over 20 fawns came in with the typical injuries; hit by car, caught by dogs or stuck in fences. Many of our wild friends have been returned to their natural habitats with the exception of those who were late arrivals (these latecomers will be given a warm, safe and secure place until next spring).

In addition to the many animals that we have treated FWMA has been able to provide a number of children with unique education opportunities through our Student Work Program and ESE programs with Wakulla High School.



CHRISTMAS TREES

Thanks to our creative volunteers we will be decorating Christmas trees that will be for sale! If you would like a fun gift for a friend or relative, these can be planted and live on well after the Holiday Season to provide a natural habitat for our native wildlife. Trees will be on sale from November 26th thru December 15th for a suggested donation of \$18. A variety of businesses in our local community have offered to distribute these wonderful trees. A full list will be available on our website (www.wakullawildlife.org) after Thanksgiving.



Christmas Party

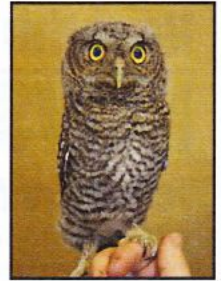
Come and join us at our Christmas Party and Bingo at La Cantina Grille in Panacea on Thursday 15th Dec 2011, 6pm - 9pm. Lots of fun, don't forget your wrapped present for the white elephant (under \$10 please!). RSVP Chris at 850-363-2351 or choppaotta@aol.com.



KNOW YOUR OWLS

EASTERN SCREECH OWL

Our smallest owl in North Florida, the Eastern Screech Owl's color ranges from grey to brown to reddish (the chicks in a nest may be different colors). They have an average body length of 7 - 9 inches, a wingspan of 18 - 24 inches, and weigh 5 - 9 ounces. **FWMA provided care for 15 Screech Owls in 2011.**



BURROWING OWL



The Burrowing Owl is considered a species of special concern - numbers are very few. These owls are rarely seen in our North Florida area and live in burrows made by other animals. The Burrowing Owl has a body length of 7 1/2 - 10 inches, a wingspan of 21 - 24 inches, and weighs 4 1/2 - 9 ounces. **FWMA did not receive any Burrowing Owls in 2011.**

BARN OWL

Very rarely seen in North Florida, the Barn Owl has a white, heart-shaped facial disk, no ear tufts and long legs. A Barn Owl can eat up to 1,000 mice each year, and many farmers try to attract barn owls to help control rodent populations in agricultural fields. **FWMA provided care for 1 Barn Owl in 2011.**



BARRED OWL

Our most common owl, the Barred Owl, is a vocal bird and it can utter a wide variety of vocalizations from hoots to screams, and barks to laughter. Its most distinctive call sounds similar to "Who cooks for you, who cooks for you all." **FWMA provided care for 25 Barred Owls in 2011.**

GREAT HORNED OWL

Our largest owl in North Florida is the Great Horned Owl. It has a body length of 18 - 25 inches and a wingspan up to 5 feet. They don't have horns - the two things sticking up from the Great Horned owls head are tufts of feathers called Plumicorns, they are not horns or ears. They have the ability to capture a wide variety of prey that may be larger or heavier than the owl. **FWMA provided care for 4 great Horned Owls in 2011.**



Benefactor Tree

We are celebrating this year with The Donor Tree. Leaves will be dedicated to our supporters or their loved ones and a beautiful fox card can be sent to the person of your choice. This year we have added something extra to this special Christmas idea - not only will your loved one receive our beautiful fox card, they will also be able to visit our website (www.wakullawildlife.org) and follow the link to see their name or your dedication on our Online Donor Tree.

You can dedicate a leaf on our Tree in honor or in memory of someone special. If you would like to help and, at the same time, would love to give a great gift to a friend or relative please fill out and return the reply slip in the envelope provided (please ensure that names and addresses are legible and complete!).

In Honor / Memory of (circle one):

Name _____

Please send a card to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Donation Made By: _____

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