MARS
WILDLIFE RESCUE
MERVILLE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

MOUNTAINAIRE AVIAN RESCUE SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT

2025 - 2026

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Wildlife Hospital

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Merville, BC

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We respectfully acknowledge that the land we gather on is the unceded Traditional Territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.

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Mission

To conserve and protect native wildlife and its natural habitat through education and rehabilitation.

Goals

To reduce suffering of wildlife often affected by human influences, educate the public about their effect on nature, and how to reduce that impact.

Philosophy

We are a non-profit organization. Our energy is directed towards rehabilitation and education, and the funding for those endeavours.

We abide by all governing laws and regulations under which we operate. MARS holds permits from the federal and provincial governments that allow us to rescue, keep in captivity, and care for wildlife.

Purposes

Educate

the general public about wildlife issues through lectures, displays, workshops, reports, and publications.

Rescue, Recover, Rehabilitate, & Release

ill, injured, orphaned, or oiled wildlife.

Contribute

to the knowledge and understanding of wildlife by participating in research and sharing that information with wildlife organizations and the general public.

Conserve & Protect

wildlife by promoting the conservation of wildlife habitat.

Looking Back on Thirty Years 1995-2025

In March 1995 Mountainaire Avian Rescue Society (MARS) was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization. In taking this step, founders Maj and Keith Birch and the first volunteer board members wisely put in place a strong foundation for growth. And MARS has thrived and grown. During this past year we celebrated an impressive 30 years of helping wildlife.

We often wish Maj and Keith could see how their legacy lives on. This is especially evident in the goodwill and support from our community. Financial donations - ranging from coins in donation boxes to children's birthday money to much valued monthly donors, people remembering MARS in their wills or during an annual giving campaign - are our single biggest source of income. A prodigious amount of volunteer time stretches those dollars to keep our education and rehabilitation programs flourishing.

How do we measure success? By the ability to end an animal's suffering or releasing a recovered patient to return home to the wild. We know we are achieving our goals when hearing the excited voices of children learning about native wildlife in the visitor centre. And finally, because MARS wouldn't be able to do its work without volunteers, it is when a volunteer says, "This is my happy place".

And, of course, we have numbers. For example: in 1995, when MARS first opened its doors, we recorded a wildlife case load of 102. During the past 30 years more than 18,000 patients have arrived at MARS. Warren Warttig, MARS' longest serving volunteer and board president, once said "If you look skyward and see an eagle circling, there is a good chance that this bird has been a patient or is the offspring of a patient of MARS".

Our rehabilitation staff have a reputation for their skill in caring for these fierce raptors. But that doesn't tell the whole story; more than 135 different species of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians are regularly admitted to the wildlife hospital.

Since the majority of our patients are harmed and need our help because of human activities, education is a priority. Our ambassador birds and volunteers host many thousands of children and adults on guided tours of our site every year. Adults, who remember being students during one of our school outreach presentations, now bring their children to MARS. Social media has significantly changed our ability to reach supporters giving us an opportunity to provide information about our patients and native wildlife to over 80,000 followers on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

As board members we are very aware of our responsibility as stewards and managers of this very special community-based organization. We thank you – provincial and regional governments, service clubs, businesses, foundations and the great number of generous caring individuals - for your support.

— The MARS Board of Directors

Wildlife Rehabilitation

2025 turned into one of our busier years for MARS, admitting 1,126 patients in total. This admission number increased 8.8% from 2024, which was already up 9.5% from 2023. We continue to receive wildlife from all over Vancouver Island, as well as parts of the mainland, including Vancouver and even Prince George. Transfers from other rehabilitation centres, including Island Wildlife Conservancy on Salt Spring Island, and PROWLS in Powell River equalled less than 3% of our total admissions.

For the second year in a row, cat attacks were not the leading cause of admission (183), instead the leading cause for admission was orphaned wildlife (257) where parents were confirmed deceased or the parent never returned for the baby, despite efforts to reunite. The third most common cause for admission was window strikes (93), followed by vehicle impacts (81).

As for the last couple years, wild bird populations are continuing to struggle with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). Seventeen cases were tested for HPAI, with positive results coming back for Canada Geese, Cackling Geese, Trumpeter Swans, multiple species of gulls, and an American Wigeon.

Lead poisoning has also been a significant cause for admission this last year, with ten Bald Eagles, one Trumpeter Swan, and one raven being treated. Only four of these twelve patients made it to release.

Having completed our Fawn ICU at the tail end of 2024, we were able to admit, raise and release a large herd of black-tailed deer this year. Special thanks to one of our volunteers, Carol, for the use of her horse trailer to transport all of these guys for release.

MARS continues to admit and treat Red-listed (endangered) and Blue-listed (threatened) species, as well as species of special concern, at a total of 50 individuals across 13 different species. We had a large number of Great Blue Heron admits from Condor Park in Comox, where Bald Eagles were harassing the rookery.

Inflation of course has been a large issue this last year, with the cost of supplies rising, and donations decreasing. While we have made an incredible effort to buy local or Canadian, some of our supplies, especially the specialized diets or veterinary supplies, need to come from the US, which has caused a major increase in our spending. The support and kindness from our community never ceases to amaze us whenever we send a call-out for food or supplies. The staff and volunteers are ever humbled by the generosity, and wish to say a heartfelt “thank you!” to all of our supporters.

Of Note This Year

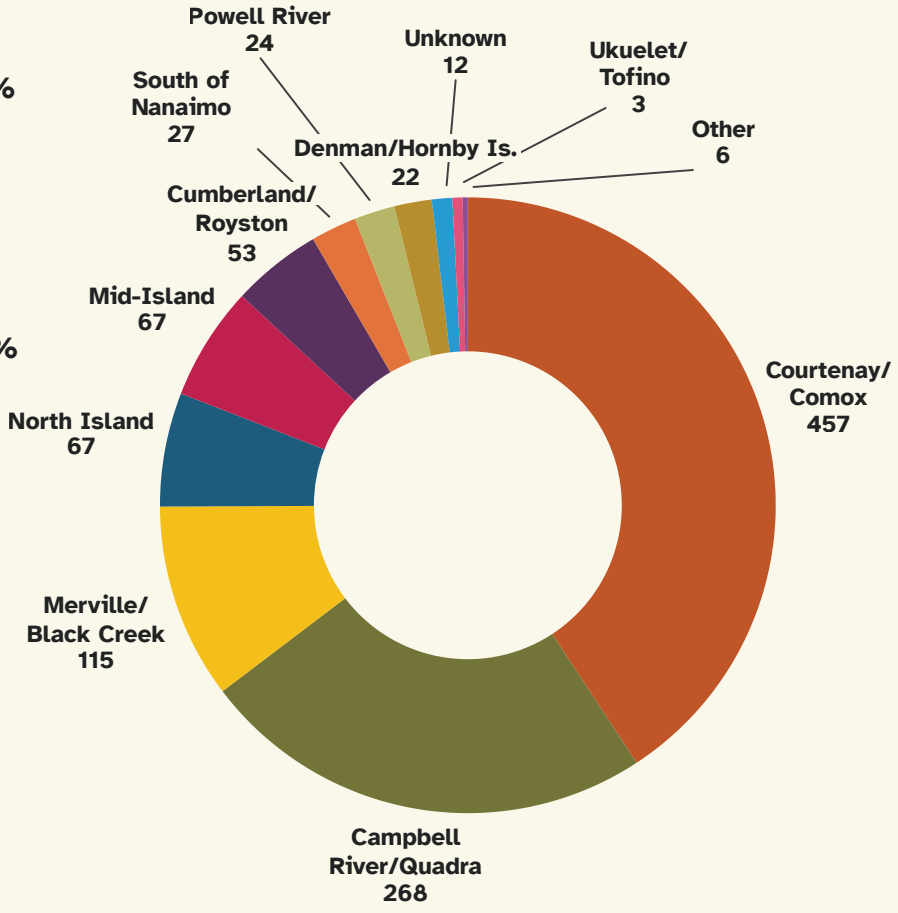
The admission of three barred owls, all admitted within a couple weeks of each other as the result of a vehicle impact, and all with right eye issues that required the removal of the eye. Thanks to Dr. Jay Tollman at Mahalo Vet for coming up to MARS on their day off to remove all three eyes in one afternoon. All three owls were deemed healthy and released back into the wild!

The irruption of Pine Siskins seen in the area. Normally our most admitted bird species are some combination of Bald Eagles, Robins and Anna's Hummingbirds, but this year, top spot went to the Pine Siskins. Bird irruptions typically follow some type of boom-and-bust cycle of food sources. The most common cause is a phenomenon called masting, which occurs when a single tree species produces a large number of seeds across thousands of miles of forest in the same year, which generally allows certain species of seed-eaters to thrive, as they have a seemingly unlimited food source.

— Megan Erickson, Manager of Wildlife Rehabilitation

Intake by Region

- Courtenay/Comox 40.8%
- Campbell River/Quadra Island 23.9%
- Merville/Black Creek 10.3%
- North Island 6%
- Mid-Island 6%
- Cumberland/Royston/Union Bay 4.7%
- South of Nanaimo 2.4%
- Powell River 2.1%
- Denman/Hornby Islands 2%
- Unknown 1.1%
- Other 0.5%
- Ucluelet/Tofino 0.3%



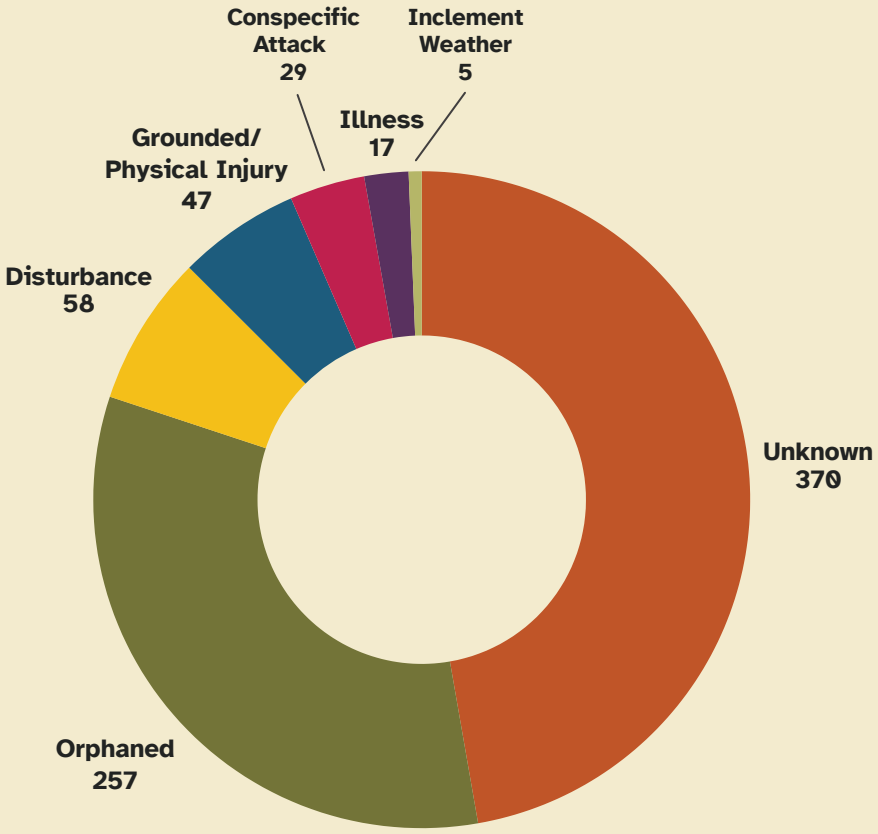
Most Common Avian Patients in 2025

75	Pine Siskin
73	American Robin
50	Bald Eagle
45	Anna's Hummingbird
35	Dark-Eyed Junco

Most Common Mammalian Patients in 2025

64	Raccoon
50	Black-Tailed Deer
14	Red Squirrel
13	Big Brown Bat
11	Yuma Myotis

All told, we admitted 35 bats of seven species.



Reason for Intake

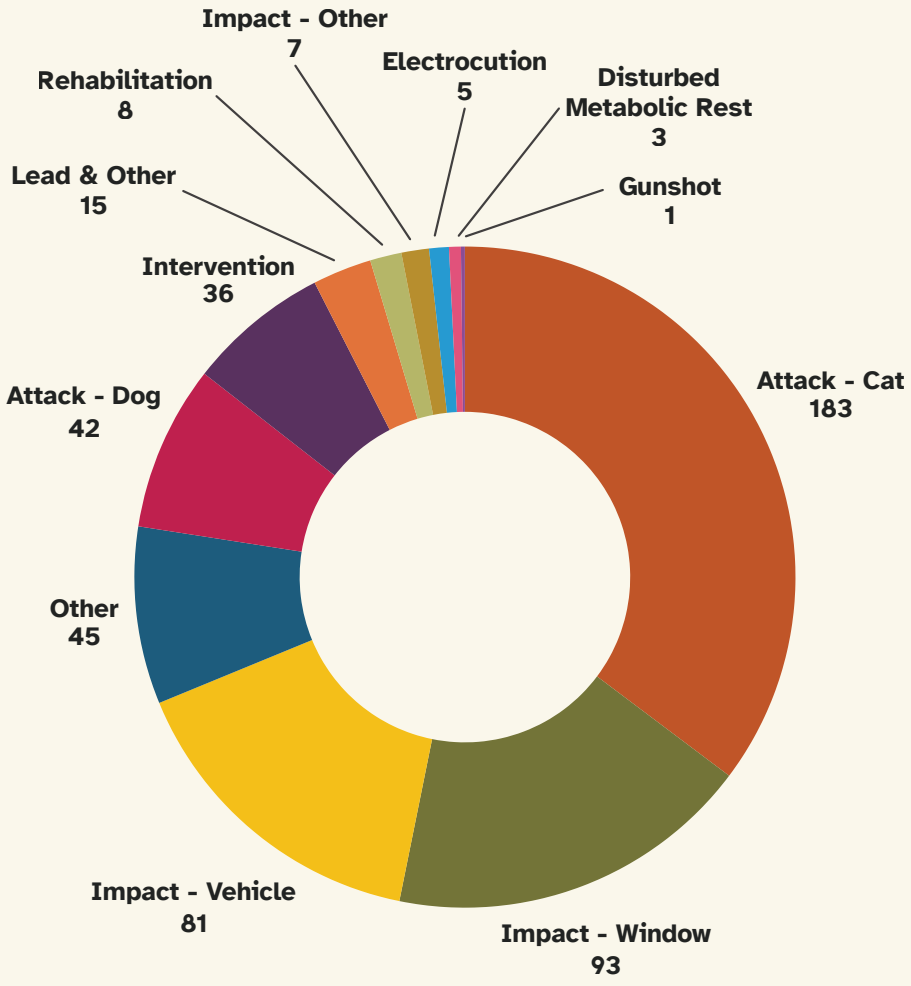
(Natural Causes)

- Unknown 47.3%
- Orphaned 32.8%
- Disturbance 7.4%
- Grounded/Physical Injury 6%
- Conspecific Attack 3.7%
- Illness 2.2%
- Inclement Weather 0.6%

Reason for Intake

(Human Causes)

- Attack - Cat 35.3%
- Impact - Window 17.9%
- Impact - Vehicle 15.6%
- Other 8.7%
- Attack - Dog 8.1%
- Intervention 6.9%
- Lead & Other 2.9%
- Rehabilitation 1.5%
- Impact - Other 1.3%
- Electrocution 1%
- Disturbed Metabolic Rest 0.6%
- Gunshot 0.2%



Red-Listed Species

Includes any species or ecosystem that is at risk of being lost (extirpated, endangered or threatened) in British Columbia.

1 Barn Owl

1 Western Screech Owl

Blue-Listed Species

Includes any native species considered to be of Special Concern (formerly Vulnerable) in British Columbia.

18 Great Blue Heron

9 Barn Swallow

7 Little Brown Myotis

3 California Gull

3 Killdeer

2 Band-tailed Pigeon

2 Purple Martin

1 Common Nighthawk

1 Townsend's Big-eared Bat

1 Northern Red-legged Frog

1 Double-crested Cormorant

Financial Reports 2025-2026

Reporting Dates: March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026

— Nicole Booth, MARS Treasurer

THREE-YEAR FINANCIAL RESULT SUMMARY

	FY 2025-2026	FY 2024-2025	FY 2023-2024
Total Revenue * not including in-kind and amortization	851,315	850,012	523,257
Total Expenses * not including in-kind and amortization	737,115	669,743	595,598
Net Surplus (Deficit)	114,200	180,269	(72,341)
Accumulated Surplus (Net Assets) Balance	2,333,192	2,218,992	2,038,722

REVENUE BREAKDOWN

	FY 2025-2026		FY 2024-2025		FY 2023-2024	
General Donations	417,337	49.0%	504,910	59.4%	207,604	39.6%
Government Grants	92,905	10.9%	37,788	4.4%	30,791	5.9%
Gaming	68,500	8.0%	72,744	8.6%	65,000	12.4%
Visitor Centre Donations	34,518	4.1%	53,982	6.3%	53,415	10.2%
Gift Shop	113,866	13.4%	55,063	6.5%	54,735	10.5%
Raffles	56,489	6.6%	45,580	5.4%	46,855	9.0%
Other Income	52,123	6.1%	54,064	6.4%	49,689	9.5%
Other Fundraising	15,577	1.8%	25,881	3.0%	15,165	2.9%
TOTAL	**851,315**		**850,012**		**523,254**	
In Kind Labour/Materials	**499,407**		**506,367**		**558,080**	

* Other income includes firehall lease, parks contract, membership dues, general income and interest income.

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN

	FY 2025-2026		FY 2024-2025		FY 2023-2024	
Wages	284,732	38.6%	222,624	37.4%	231,634	44.3%
Wildlife Care	159,186	21.6%	199,081	33.4%	129,767	24.8%
General and Administrative	215,811	29.3%	105,185	17.6%	102,893	19.6%
Education	33,999	4.6%	42,243	7.1%	30,029	5.7%
Gift Shop	43,387	5.9%	25,776	4.3%	29,483	5.6%
TOTAL	**737,115**		**669,743**		**595,598**	

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IN-KIND LABOUR

	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024
In kind labour ($)	$475,160	$493,733	$557,440
In kind labour (hours)	23,758 hours	24,686 hours	27,872 hours
Comparison to full time positions (based on 40 hours x 50 weeks)	11.8 FT positions	12.3 FT positions	13.9 FT positions
Patient Admissions	1116 patients	1035 patients	937 patients
Hours per Patient	21.3 hours per patient	23.9 hours per patient	29.7 hours per patient

BALANCE SHEET OVERVIEW

	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024
ASSETS			
Operating Funds	473,664	316,818	207,000
Restricted Funds	55,185	120,315	191,735
Accounts Receivable	15,752	30,497	10,904
Inventory	16,213	9,387	9,190
Total Current Assets	560,815	477,016	418,828
Capital Assets	2,027,765	2,001,731	1,893,305
TOTAL ASSETS	**2,588,581**	**2,478,747**	**2,312,134**
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	18,450	14,320	15,652
CEBA Loan	0	0	0
Prepaid Firehall Lease	4,800	4,800	4,800
CRA, GST & PST Payable	10,967	6,207	5,382
Deferred Contribution	8,047	15,397	21,658
Total Current Liabilities	42,264	40,723	47,492
CCCU Mortgage	213,127	219,035	225,921
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**255,391**	**259,758**	**273,412**
TOTAL EQUITY	**2,333,192**	**2,038,722**	**2,111,066**

REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

The chartered accounting firm, Moeller Matthews, prepared a Review Engagement Report for this fiscal year for MARS. For a copy of these financial statements, email: info@marswildliferescue.com

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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SUMMARY 2025-2026

ASSETS	As at Feb 28, 2026		As at Feb 28, 2025	
Current Assets				
Operating Funds		473,664		316,818
Restricted Funds		55,185		120,315
Accounts Receivable		15,752		30,497
Inventory		16,213		9,387
Total Current Assets		***560,815***		***477,016***
Capital Assets				
Land	389,500		389,500	
Buildings & Outbuildings	1,896,503		1,844,331	
Furniture & Equipment	176,776		155,013	
Vehicles	90,368		81,268	
Parking & Landscaping	79,643		47,429	
Less Depreciation		605,022		515,809
Total Capital Assets		***2,027,765***		***2,001,731***
TOTAL ASSET		**2,588,581**		**2,478,747**

LIABILITIES	As at Feb 28, 2026		As at Feb 28, 2025	
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable		18,450		14,320
CEBA Loan		0		0
Prepaid Firehall Lease		4,800		4,800
Deferred Contribution		10,967		15,397
CRA, GST & PST Payable		8,047		6,207
Total Current Liabilities		***42,264***		***40,723***
Long Term Liabilities				
CCCU Mortgage		213,127		219,035
Total Long Term Liabilities		***213,127***		***219,035***
TOTAL LIABILITY		**255,391**		**259,758**

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EQUITY	As at Feb 28, 2026		As at Feb 28, 2025	
Equity				
Fund Balance – Internally Restricted		78,297		72,935
Fund Balance – Externally Restricted		90,029		97,602
Fund Balance – Unrestricted		283,363		200,800
Fund Balance – Capital Assets		1,767,300		1,667,384
Retained Earnings – Previous Year		0		0
Current Earnings		114,200		180,268
Total Owners Equity		***2,333,190***		***2,218,989***
TOTAL EQUITY		***2,333,190***		***2,218,989***
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		**2,588,581**		**2,478,747**

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY 2025-2026

INCOME	*ACTUAL Mar 1, 2025 to Feb 28, 2026*	*ACTUAL Mar 1, 2024 to Feb 28, 2025*
Visitor Education Centre & Gift Shop	148,384	109,045
Fundraising	72,065	71,461
Donations	240,466	187,174
Donations for Capital Projects	36,500	116,500
Bequests	140,372	201,236
Gaming	68,500	72,744
Grants	27,500	37,788
Parks Contract	12,800	11,400
Firehall Lease	19,200	19,200
Membership Dues	8,915	3,520
Wage Subsidy	65,405	0
Other Income	11,208	19,944
TOTAL INCOME	**851,315**	**850,012**

EXPENSE	*ACTUAL Mar 1, 2025 to Feb 28, 2026*	*ACTUAL Mar 1, 2024 to Feb 28, 2025*
Wildlife Care	159,186	199,081
Education	33,999	42,243
Gift Shop	43,387	25,776
Wages	284,732	222,624
Amortization	89,212	74,835
Administration & General	126,597	105,185
TOTAL EXPENSES	**737,113**	**669,743**

SURPLUS DEFICIT	*ACTUAL Mar 1, 2025 to Feb 28, 2026*	*ACTUAL Mar 1, 2024 to Feb 28, 2025*
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	**203,413**	**180,269**

Special Events & Fundraising

The MARS fundraising team had a very busy year, meeting, planning, and attending a total of 15 major community events in the Comox Valley and Campbell River area. Our goals are to keep MARS front of mind by informing visitors about the work of our wildlife hospital and education program and sharing strategies to protect our wild neighbours.

Of course, these events are also the perfect opportunity to fundraise and sell tickets for our annual summer raffle. In 2025, we raised an impressive $33,000 through online and in-person sales. Other raffle revenues were from two 50/50 draws: the 30/10 Anniversary and Bat to the Future, which raised $8,000.

Two stand-out fundraisers were the *Beaks & Beers* event at Gladstone Brewing and the music concert *Songs for the Birds*. Thank you for your support and partnership, Meghan Keelan and Gladstone Brewing Company. And a sincere thank you to Jo-Anne Preston and Sheila Doncaster for organizing a delightful afternooon celebrating our feathered friends.

Of special note this year was our milestone 30/10 Anniversary Open House. Guests enthusiastically joined tours of the wildlife hospital, visited our environmental partners, shared stories of our history, and played in our kids area. Steve and Viv Ruskin shared many favourite tunes, including *The Critter Song* written for Maj Birch on MARS' 20th Anniversary. More than 800 people attended this joyful event. Fortunately, our good neighbour the Merville Hall supplemented our parking space, and we were able to accommodate everyone. Thank you to the huge team of staff and volunteers, led by Aaron Schmidt, who made this celebration such a success.

Fundraising

MARS very gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia, Community Gaming Fund and rural grants from the Comox Valley and Strathcona Regional Districts. It would not be possible to do our work without these contributions and the support of our community.

Sometimes a thoughtful person will remember us when making their will. Bequest income is used to make long-term improvements that will benefit MARS and our patients for years.

Refundable bottles are a surprisingly lucrative source of income for MARS. We earn about $18,000 annually from bottles dropped off at our green recycling shed. The work of sorting and bagging donations is labourious; we give a special thank you to Callum Thomson for his stellar efforts.

There is a huge cost attached to delivering our high standard of medical care and quality housing for our numerous and diverse wildlife patients. MARS has a creative and resourceful team of people raising funds to keep this organization strong. Many thanks for all your good work.

— Leona Doig, Fundraising & Special Events Committee

MARS Logo & Rebrand

The significant milestone of our 30th anniversary gave MARS the perfect opportunity to reconsider our visual identity. Our Bald Eagle icon, though eye-catching, was clipart and was being used by businesses and sports teams around North America, and so not truly our own. We also needed more consist and effective wayfinding signage, educational infographics, a cohesive image for our social media, and an up-date to the appearance and function of our website.

With the creative guidance and generosity of Megan Wilson, Vienna May Sauvage, and Trevor Jacob of the non-profit groveCREATE, our board choose a new design that honours our past, symbolizes our work, and is uniquely ours. You'll see the evidence of this collaboration in our gift shop, exhibits hall, around the MARS property, and on our website. We are immensely grateful to groveCREATE for being a donor and partner with MARS.

— Jan Smith, Logo & Rebrand Task Force

Education & Ambassador Program

The 2025–2026 year was another active and impactful year for us. Through onsite programming, community outreach, guided tours, school visits, ambassador bird presentations, and public interpretation, our education program continued to connect thousands of people with the wildlife of Vancouver Island and British Columbia.

Our dedicated staff and volunteers delivered educational experiences for children, seniors, families, community organizations, and visitors from across the province and around the world, promoting wildlife awareness, conservation, coexistence, and an understanding of the important role wildlife rehabilitation plays in our communities.

Onsite Education and Visits

Our centre continued to welcome a diverse range of schools, community organizations, seniors' groups, families, and members of the public. Over 1,200 students from 50 classrooms, representing 30 different schools, participated in onsite educational programming. Visiting schools and educational groups included Quadra Island Elementary, École Au cœur de l'île, Campbell River Christian School, Huband Park Elementary, homeschool programs, and many others.

MARS also welcomed six seniors' residences, including Ocean Front Village, Berwick, Evergreen Seniors Home, and The Views. These visits provided opportunities for seniors to engage with local wildlife and learn more about rehabilitation, conservation, and the natural history of species found throughout the region.
In addition, 18 local organizations representing more than 450 participants visited the centre. These groups included wellness organizations, international student and newcomer programs, Boys and Girls Clubs, Scouts, adult day programs, and other community organizations.

Guided tours remained an important part of the education program and we are proud that MARS is becoming a popular tourism destination. More than 5,000 visitors participated in these tours, explored our exhibits hall, and purchased unique Vancouver Island gifts, art, toys and books in our carefully curated gift shop. Overall, the MARS Wildlife Rescue Visitor Centre welcomed more than 8,000 visitors from local communities and all over the world.

Education & Ambassador Program

Community Outreach

Education at MARS extends well beyond the Wildlife Rescue Centre itself. Our outreach programming continued to bring wildlife education directly into schools, seniors' residences, community organizations, libraries, and public events.

Our education and ambassador teams visited 10 seniors' residences, as well as 17 classrooms representing 12 schools, reaching hundreds of students through offsite programming. The team also visited more than ten community organizations, reaching hundreds of additional participants through presentations, demonstrations, and educational programming.

Outreach locations and events included Miracle Beach Nature House, ORCA Probus, Rotary Clubs, Vancouver Island Regional Library branches, local schools, and community educational events including WildWise and the Puntledge Park Salmon Festival.

Wildlife Ambassador Program

Our program experienced several significant changes during the year, including the addition of two new feathered educators.

Gulliver, a Red-tailed Hawk, joined MARS following a transfer from Pacific Northwest Raptors. Gulliver became part of the ambassador program and now helps educate the public about raptors, their adaptations, and their important role in our ecosystems. Athena, a Great Horned Owl, also joined the program. Athena was originally admitted to MARS as a wildlife rehabilitation patient in 2024. Due to ongoing neurological issues, she was determined to be non-releasable and was subsequently accepted into the education ambassador program. She now serves an important new role helping visitors develop a greater understanding and appreciation of owls and other native wildlife.

The MARS community also experienced a significant loss with the passing of Humpty, our Bald Eagle ambassador, in 2026. Humpty was a valued member of our team and connected countless visitors with the remarkable wildlife of British Columbia during his many years at MARS. His contribution to wildlife education and the connections he helped create will remain an important part of the program's legacy.

Celebrating Two Special Educators

The two fine gentlemen pictured on the right are retiring after many years of service to MARS and our mission of wildlife education. Pictured on the glove is Lanei, our Western Screech Owl, who turned 13 in 2026. Lanei has touched thousands of hearts, going out to schools and events and meeting people at the Visitor Centre. With him is John Robertson who has also dedicated many years to MARS, interpreting for Lanei--referring to himself as 'Lanei's tree'. John also touched many hearts, including ours at MARS.

— Aaron Schmidt, Visitor Centre Manager, Ambassador Program Coordinator

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

— Helen Keller

We are grateful to every donor, for every gift.

Governments

Strathcona Regional District • Comox Valley Regional District • Province of British Columbia
Government of Canada

Businesses & Corporate Donors

Comox Physiotherapy Clinic • Jeff's Chain Sawing Service • Madrona Massage Therapy
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Mahalo Veterinary Hospital • Kelp Line Adventures

Non-Profits

Pacific Northwest Raptors • Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society • Miracle Beach Nature House
Courtenay Recreational Association • Provincial Employees Community Services Fund
Evergreen Seniors Home • Volunteers from Berwick, Campbell River • Glen Alder RV Park
Scouts Canada - Third Courtenay Scouts • Oyster River Volunteer Fire Rescue Association
United Way East Ontario • groveCREATE

Foundations

Calgary Foundation • Vancouver Foundation • Charities Aid Foundation Canada
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Victoria Foundation • Grant MacEwan Charitable Foundation • Comox Valley Community Foundation

Social & Service Clubs

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Rotary Club Comox Valley • Rotary Club Cumberland • Rotary Club Campbell River
Valley Vee Dub Club • Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3097 Ladies Auxiliary
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Board Members & Staff

Board of Directors

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Staff (During 2025-2026 Fiscal Year)

Manager of Wildlife Rehabilitation: Megan Erickson*
Assistant Manager of Wildlife Rehabilitation: Kiersten Shyian*
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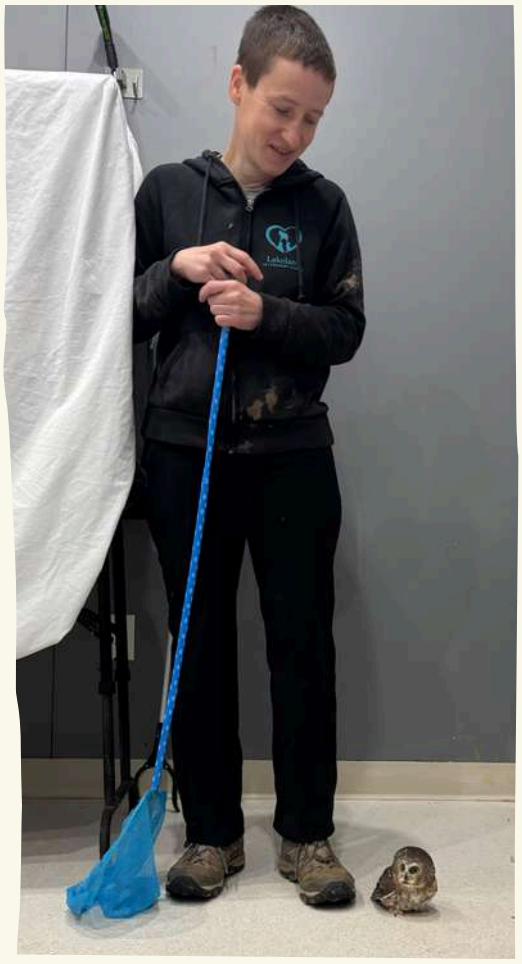
Wildlife Rehabilitator & Registered Veterinary Technician: Justine Pfeifer
Wildlife Rehabilitator: Melissa Steinkey
Hospital Volunteer Coordinator: Gyl Andersen
Wildlife Hospital Administrator: Glenda Bonney
Site & Visitor Centre Manager, Ambassador Program Coordinator: Aaron Schmidt*
Administrator: Laurie Ulm
Gift Shop Manager & Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah MacDonald

* Full-time staff

Thank you to our staff, volunteers, and supporters!



What's Your Wingspan?
Eagle 1.8 - 2.3m
Heron 1.5 - 2.0m
Raven 1.0 - 1.5m