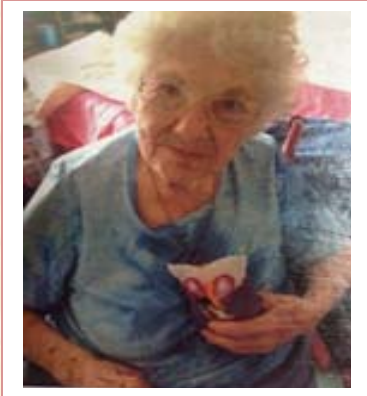




Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center

Our Oldest Volunteer



We are quite honored to have Mary Hall among our volunteer ranks. At 96 she is our oldest volunteer, and has been very creative and busy. Mary taught school for 62 years, but did not take well to retirement. Since she and her daughter, Merle Stewart, moved to Alaska in 2009, they have both been active volunteers with AWBRC.

Merle is the director of our education program, and a self-described owl-phile. Apparently this love of owls runs in the family. Mary designed and makes a cute little product called Owl Pals. The product and name are both her creation. Owl Pals are sold at various AWBRC events and programs with proceeds going to our building fund. She has been so remarkably successful with the Owl Pals that she has recruited sewing assistance from friends at the Wasilla Area Senior Center, where she lives. All the materials are donated, so all the proceeds go to help the birds.

The product line has also expanded into Carry Owls, a small bag for carrying change or a cell phone. The bright colors and uniqueness of each owl make these very popular with supporters from ages 10-100. Owl Pals or Carry Owls are available for only \$7.

Mary can be seen at some of our public events, busily sewing bright fabric and colorful buttons into these clever creations. She is happy to chat with visitors about the center and the birds. She has also assisted at our annual fundraiser, setting tables and greeting guests. Her energy and wit defy her age. We are very grateful to have such a special volunteer among our ranks.



The mission of the Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center is to care for injured, sick and orphaned wild birds; and to educate the public about these birds and their habitats.

Reminder: It's time to file for your PFD



Please remember the Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center when you file for your 2014 PFD. We are now in our second year of participating in the Pick.Click.Give program for charitable giving. Every dollar goes to help care for Alaska's wild birds.

Tune in to Radio Free Palmer, 89.5 FM, on Feb. 28 at 8 AM to hear more about us and PCG.



Meet Rhett

Rhett is an Eastern Red-tailed Hawk, adopted by AWBRC from a wild bird center in Georgia in 2007. He had been shot with a shotgun, and several pellets were left in his body because removing them was more dangerous than leaving them in place. These pellets cause him pain, like arthritis, making it impossible to fly. He was released by his rescuers, but ended up being found again, dehydrated, emaciated and unable to hunt to survive.

Red-tailed Hawks are found throughout North America, from timberline in the north to Mexico, in forests, deserts, mountains and prairies. The most widespread of the 14 subspecies, the Eastern is found from the east coast to the Rocky Mountains. The Red-tailed Hawk is very well adapted to living around humans. They are the most common and visible hawk in the lower 48, often found sitting on light poles or fence posts hunting rodents and small birds in mowed fields.