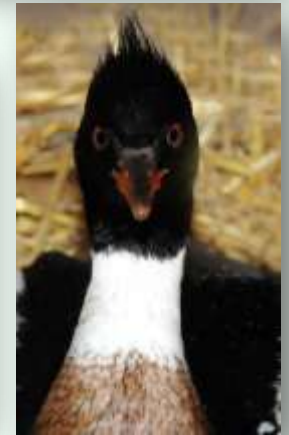
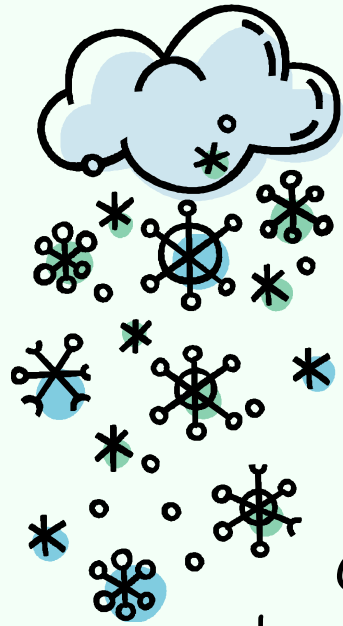


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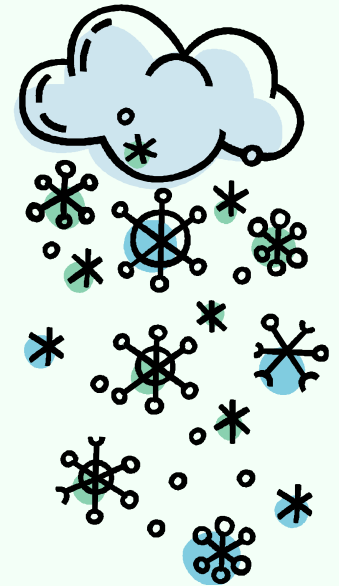


December, 2011



In this final month of the calendar year, we begin a retrospective on the activities of 2011. And as the winter holidays approach, we recall with gratitude the generous support we have been given in the past year including time, money, services, advice, and good wishes.

On behalf of all of the birds whose care has been enhanced by the kind contributions of the many members of our support team, we would like to express our appreciation by sharing favorite images of a few of our guests.



One of our most brightly colored birds of the year was this Common Yellowthroat.



But other noteworthy hues were found in the bills of this White-winged Scoter (below left), Arctic Tern (middle), and Red-breasted Merganser (right). No lipstick was used!



And although the Red-breasted Merganser did have a respectable crest, the most spectacular coiffure belonged to a Hooded Merganser (right).



Raptors in flight are always impressive. Here we have a Broad-winged Hawk (upper left), Merlin (upper right) and Cooper's Hawk (lower left) showing off their stuff.



The Coop was particularly adept at a straight-up take-off (right).



Orphaned birds raised together in captivity often form foster families. But biological or adoptive siblings can sometimes get in each other's way, be careless with, or even downright rude toward one another, as happened in encounters between these juvenile Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flickers and the European Starlings shown on the next slide.



These birds are still wet from a recent bath - maybe that explains their antics!



Yet some relationships are more cozy, and even cross species lines, as demonstrated by Cliff and Tree Swallows cheek to cheek.



In the food department, an angler award went to a Red-necked Grebe.



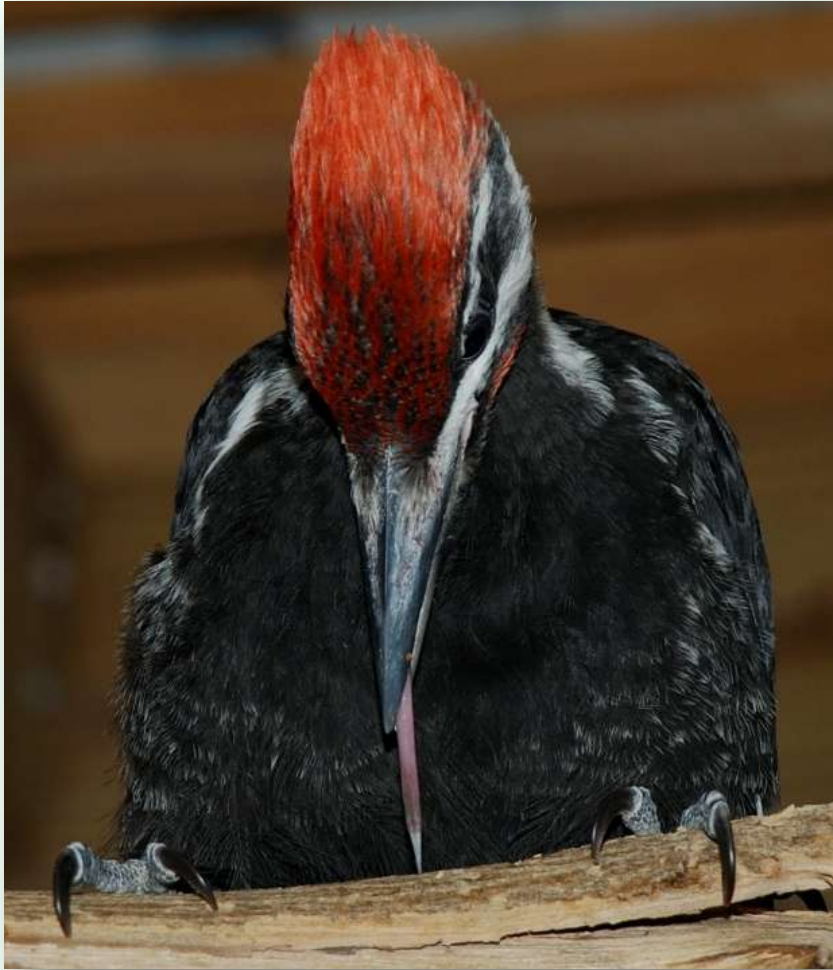
Honeysuckle berries were irresistible to Cedar Waxwings.



Earthworms
were
preferred
by a young
American
Woodcock.



This juvenile Pileated Woodpecker used his impressive tongue for its natural purpose — foraging for ants!





A nestling Bald Eagle (left) had the largest open mouth of the year. The runner up, a young Common Raven (right) was not even close in size, though his mouth was more brightly colored.



At the other end of the size spectrum, a Black-capped Chickadee (left) and a Song Sparrow (right) had the smallest mouths. They are not shown on the same scale as the Big-mouths on the previous slide!



We don't necessarily aim to raise super-heroes, but thought Mighty Mouse should move over for this young American Bittern (right).

An adult American Bittern (below) won the stare-down award, looking even more fearsome in a full-body pose.



For pure grace in the petit class, a Semi-palmated Sandpiper was hard to beat.



This Osprey's pose is one kind of parting shot!



But nothing can compete with the last glimpse of a bird recovered from injuries and set free, like this Barred Owl leaving the hands of his caregiver.



Photo: Todd Berry



Peregrine Falcon



We hope you will have a warm, safe, and happy winter, and wonderful holidays to come!

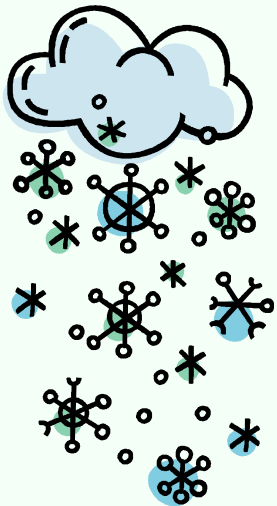


Ruby-throated Hummingbird

*Our very best regards and thanks for your support,
Diane and Marc*



Hooded Merganser



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Common Yellowthroat
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Cliff Swallow
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Pileated Woodpecker
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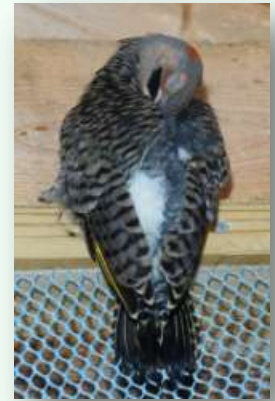
Adult American Bittern
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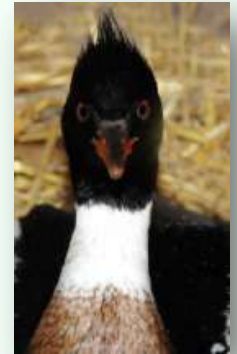
Cooper's Hawk
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Merlin
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Northern Flicker
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Red-breasted Merganser
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