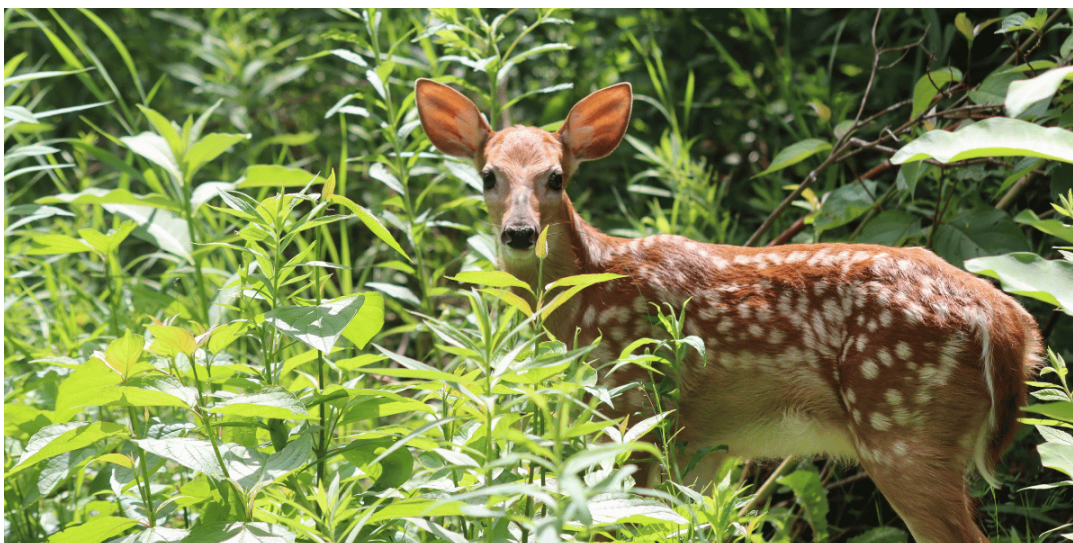




SUMMER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE CENTRE

It's been another busy month at the National Wildlife Centre, with lots happening behind the scenes.

To date, our team has cared for **1,552 patients so far this year**. We're thrilled to have already released many of them back into the wild.

A huge thank you to our incredible volunteer drivers, who play an important role in helping wildlife get where they need to go. We couldn't do it without you!

Explore what's new:

 [Take a virtual tour of our aviary](#)

Step inside our aviary and see where some of our feathered patients spend time

recovering and preparing for release.

Celebrate your birthday with wildlife

Turn your birthday into an opportunity to help wildlife by creating your own fundraiser.

Leave a legacy for wildlife

Learn how a gift in your will can help ensure wildlife receives specialized care for generations to come.

Our growing fawns

This year, work on our new fawn barn has allowed us to begin caring for fawns on-site. Since arriving as young fawns, they've grown considerably and have now taken another big leap in their development. They're being weaned and transitioning to browse - the leaves, twigs and vegetation that make up a natural deer diet. They're eating plenty of it and adjusting very well!



WAYS TO HELP...WE ARE LOOKING FOR BROWSE!

Are you trimming your deciduous trees this month? Currently we are in need of **browse for the young deer**. Browse refers to the leaves, twigs, buds and young shoots of trees and shrubs (specifically maple, willow, poplar) that provide natural food for wildlife such as deer.



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CO-EXISTING WITH WILDLIFE

It is estimated that approximately 25 million birds die from window collisions in Canada each year. Birds can mistake reflections in glass for open sky or habitat, resulting in serious or fatal injuries.

With fall migration picking up in September, this is an especially important time to make windows safer for birds.

To help reduce this risk, the National Wildlife Centre has installed [Feather Friendly](#)® bird deterrent markers on our wildlife hospital windows. These markers help birds recognize glass as a barrier and can significantly reduce the risk of collisions.

By making simple changes to the spaces we share with wildlife, we can help prevent injuries before they happen.



This Killdeer is recovering in our care after a suspected window strike - a reminder of why making windows safer for birds is especially important as fall migration begins in September.

IN THE NEWS



**Wildlife Hospital
Near Capacity**



**Nine Bears From
'Bear With Us'
Released Back to
the Wild**



**Coexisting With
Wildlife After Dark**

VOLUNTEER WILDLIFE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Interns play an important role in caring for wildlife patients, from preparing diets and maintaining enclosures to supporting daily rehabilitation, while gaining hands-on experience in wildlife rehabilitation and conservation.

We're proud to share that four of our interns were accepted into veterinary medicine programs this year.

Our full-time voluntary internships run for a minimum of 16 weeks, with placements beginning in September, January and May.

[LEARN MORE](#)



SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

A Little Extra Warmth in the Nursery 🍷

A special thank you to **The Blanket Project** for the beautiful handmade quilts created with so much care.

These thoughtful gifts are helping keep some of our most vulnerable patients, including tiny songbirds, squirrels and opossums, warm and comfortable in our nursery.

We're so grateful for the time, care and generosity behind every quilt.



THANK YOU...



We're incredibly grateful to Dunk Disposal for organizing a special community collection in support of our wildlife patients and enclosures.

Their support goes beyond this summer. Last winter, the Dunk team also collected Christmas trees for the Centre, which were repurposed as natural shelter for wildlife.

A special thank you to Cameron Dunkerley and the entire Dunk Disposal team for continuing to find creative ways to support wildlife in our community.

Thank you also to:

Uxbridge Nursery for our new tree donations

Queensmere Farms for donating eggs

Just Say'n Caledon for the great press

All those who sent us a wish list item!

We are sincerely grateful to our individual donors, community partners, and grant funders whose support sustains our work. Your generosity helps us protect wildlife, strengthen conservation medicine, and serve communities across our region.



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The National Wildlife Centre works within the interconnection of humans, Canadian wildlife and the environment through a OneHealth concept. We help native wildlife through our programs aimed at conservation goals to protect ecosystems, populations of wild animals, and the health of individual animals. Since our inception in 2014, the NWC has cared for over 5,000 native wild animals and more than 200 species, including many threatened and endangered ones.

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