



December 2025
ATLANTIC WILDLIFE INSTITUTE

As we enter into the new year, we're excited to share the progress and impact from 2025. With the help of our generous donors, dedicated critter cabbies, knowledgeable staff and interns, veterinary teams, and volunteers, we've succeeded in giving hundreds of animals a second chance at a life in the wild.

And though every day at AWI is an adventure, we've tried our best to compile some of this year's highest highlights - whilst honouring some of our big losses along the way.

Please note that AWI is the only licensed facility to care for injured and sick wildlife in New Brunswick and relies 100% upon donations, grants, and partnerships.

If you have donated over this past year THANK YOU!!

If you would like to make a difference in this way in 2026 please see our landing page at www.atlanticwildlife.ca

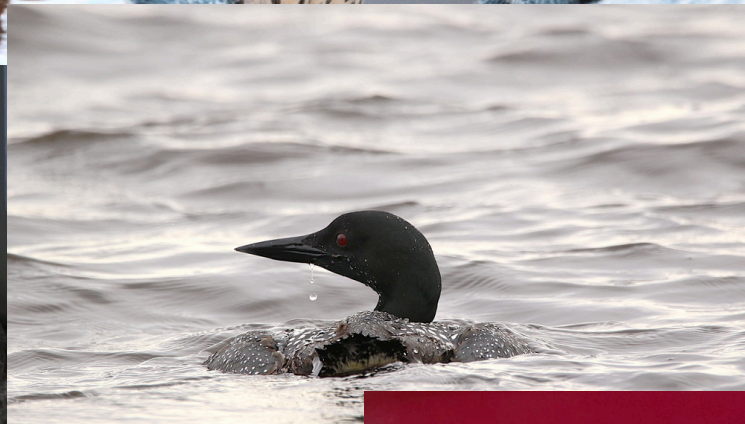
2025 was a Return to the Wild for

Bald Eagles
A brother and sister Kestrel duo
A Ring-Necked Duckling
Broad-winged Hawks
Cedar Waxwings
Red-Eyed Vireo
Red Foxes
An Ermine



Red Squirrels, Gray Squirrels,
So many squirrels!
Henry the Porcupette
Robins
Common Eiders
Barred Owls
A White-Throated Sparrow
Common Loons
THIRTY Monarch Butterflies,
and so many more!





The One and Only Gus the Porcupine

Sometimes an animal just walks right into your life and finds its way straight into your heart. Some animals are required to be retained at the wildlife centre due to complications that prohibit them from returning to the wild. Lucky for us, Gus was one of them. He gifted us with his sense of humour, loving personality, and porcupine patience from 2008 to 2025. He will be remembered in the hearts of all who knew him.

Favorite Gus Moments:

1. The sound of Gus enjoying afternoon snacks
2. Gus carving out his own bowl from a pumpkin
3. That time he was featured in the Cottage Life Magazine



Stanley the Raven is another long term resident who arrived in 2018 as a fledgling with a broken wing. He loves his place in amongst the chaos that he refuses to leave.

TIPS!

Want to help wildlife in your area? Follow these tips:
Dispose of waste properly;
Don't use pesticides or herbicides;
Plant native and pollinator friendly flowers, trees and shrubs;
Don't feed wildlife;
Take up birdwatching to learn more about wildlife in your area;
Watch your speed driving, especially at night;
Be kind - promote a healthy lifestyle and environment!



Artist Spotlight: André Boulard

This November for #GivingTuesday, we partnered with local wildlife photographer and animal portrait artist André Boulard to have this beautiful charcoal drawing of our beloved Stanley the Raven sketched. All donations were entered into a draw to win the original and one lucky winner got to take it home! Congratulations Paul and Debbie Champagne!
In total, \$25,430 was raised!

For more work by this artist visit:
www.instagram.com/andre_boulard



SPECIAL THANKS TO

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#GivingTuesday Sponsors and more!

Margot Tuck

Peter Nason

Helene Caplice

A special shout out to:

Myrna Lamouroux and Verlie Wheaton,
long time supporters and friends of AWI!

And, in memory of Dr. Mildred Allison

Thank
you

Volunteer Spotlight



Kathy Berry has been a volunteer for the past 8 years!

Just this year alone, Kathy has managed to provide over 50 drives for wildlife to and from our facility, clocked in well over 5,000kms, AND...set up at more markets than we can name here, pulling in thousands of \$\$ in donations and sales!

The Sears Family



We are very thankful to the Sears Family for donating 160 acres of land for AWI to protect and restore. This summer, we installed the signage.

(sign by Goggin Signs & Graphics)

Donor Spotlight: NB Wildlife Trust Fund

We are very thankful to the ongoing support of the **NB Wildlife Trust Fund**, who help us care for our busy summer intakes! Their donation goes towards us helping species-at-risk, providing the appropriate care so that we can return these valuable members back to their environment.

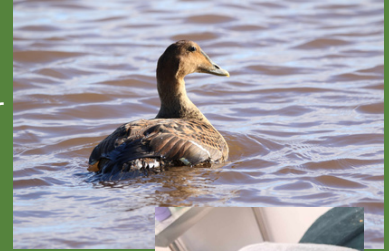


2025 Event Highlights

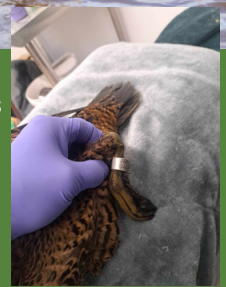
- Our website was updated, [check it out!](#)
- Bird Banding with Birds Canada, tagging with either leg bands or radio tags, this field work on our site is crucial for Scientists to monitor and track wildlife movement and health in our region!
- AWI fundraisers at Bagtown Brewery -Trivia Nights and Run for Wildlife!
- Student Internship Program - 8 interns that helped revamp our website, assisted with animal care, participated in community fundraising events and worked our summer nature camps!
- Outreach markets - AWI had a presence at a dozen craft and holiday events around the province!

Patient update

Common Eider



Cared for and released in 2024 by our rehab team, this banded sea duck was found again, back on her nest by researchers in the St. Lawrence River in Quebec this summer! The band data showed she is 15 years old! Rehab and release for the win!



Education is What we Do

2025 reached thousands of New Brunswickers of all ages at:

- Summer camps
- March Break Camp
- Willow Workshops
- Monarch Butterflies
- Nature Fibres Workshops
- PD Wild Days
- Marshview Middle School
- Booths at Markets across the region
- Bi-weekly radio spots on CBC ShiftNB

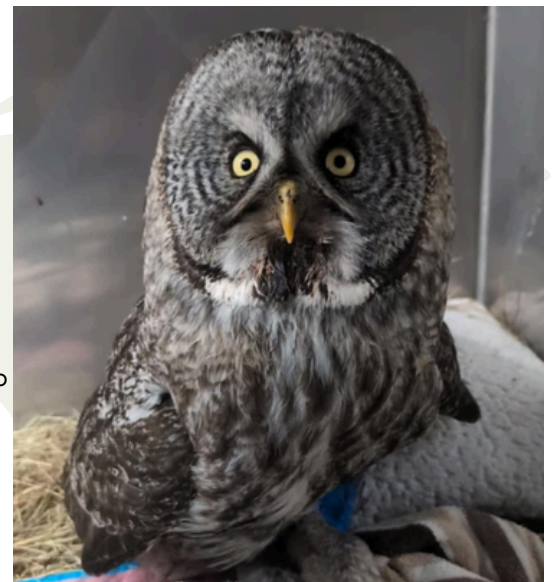


Rarest Bird List Spotlight

Admittance of a Great Gray Owl in April 2025 was a shock to us as these birds rarely travel this far from their Ontario homes. Despite our best efforts, including an extensive surgery by our Dr. Sara, she didn't survive her injuries. But, she did make the Top 10 Rarest Birds of NB 2025 list and got herself a permanent place in the Natural Science Department of the NB Museum in Saint John, NB.



Great Gray Owls are giant, silent hunters with huge facial disks that help them pinpoint prey under deep snow with their hearing, even breaking through ice to snatch rodents, and they are the tallest owl in North America, known for their deep hoots and unique "bow-tie" markings. They are master listeners, can rotate their heads 270 degrees, and often use abandoned nests from other large birds.



In Memory of Dr. Mildred Allison

Dr. Mildred Allison was a beloved veterinarian, founder of the Florenceville Veterinary Clinic, one of our partnering wildlife triage locations. The veterinary/animal community mourned her passing this past March, as her loss will have a profound impact on all. She was a passionate, skilled and caring friend to all animals. Dr. Allison also founded DunRoamin' Stray and Rescue and A Dozen Roses Animal Rescue. We are honoured that Dr. Allison, along with the many causes she supported gifted us here at Atlantic Wildlife Institute with an incredibly generous donation after her passing. Her kindness will continue to help those animals in need, and we are forever grateful. Thank you, Dr. Allison.



Want to Make a Difference too?

Scan for the **AWI Wish List**



Want to Donate?

AWI is a registered charity, tax receipts are available via our website or e-transfer. We rely on our community to support our work!

Get in the Game!

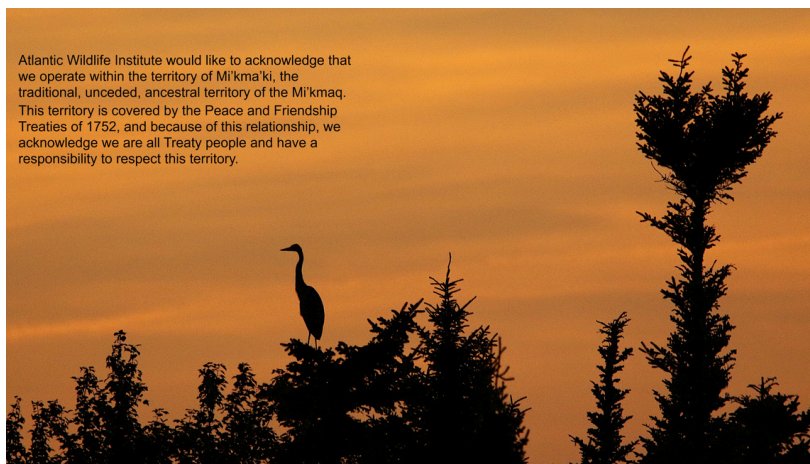
Weekly 50/50 Draw - half for you, half for the animals!

Sign up here:

<https://atlanticwildlife.tlffs.ca>



Atlantic Wildlife Institute would like to acknowledge that we operate within the territory of Mi'kma'ki, the traditional, unceded, ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq. This territory is covered by the Peace and Friendship Treaties of 1752, and because of this relationship, we acknowledge we are all Treaty people and have a responsibility to respect this territory.



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A NOTE ON THE PROTECT THE CHIGNECTO ISTHMUS COALITION

On July 14th NB Power announced their proposal for their biggest power generation plant development in 20 years - a 500 megawatt gas plant on the Chignecto Isthmus - less than 3kms away from the Atlantic Wildlife Institute. In September we formed a coalition to represent the opposition to the development. The Coalition was founded in September 2025 to safeguard the people, wildlife, and natural resources of this vital region. The Coalition now has more than 300 members and 15 NB-wide organizations fighting in solidarity against the fossil fuel plant. We invite you to explore our landing page for ways to learn more about the issue and voice your concerns.

www.atlanticwildlife.ca/pcic



Your Voice Matters!

Sign our automated letter campaign here and join hundreds of others standing up against a U.S.-owned, 25 year long, environment destroying fossil-fuel plant.



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