Volunteer Update
December 2016

In this issue...
The Cedar Key Bird Rescue program is continuing to do
great work around the community. In this issue, you will
find the year at a glance statistics, updates about new
tools and educational materials, an announcement of the
next bird rescue workshop, and rescue highlights from recent months. Thank you to everyone for your
dedication and support for the program. Happy holidays and a wonderful new year to all!

2016 at a glance:

20 rescues since August
8 species of birds
7 successful releases
70 volunteer hours
$1549 value of volunteer time
New tools and materials for bird rescue and community education

**Dead bird reporting website:**
FWC releases “entanglement” as an option on the dead bird reporting website: http://legacy.myfwc.com/bird/default.asp. Please use this site to begin reporting dead birds, especially birds that have died from entanglement.

**Hoop net donated to bird rescue program:**
The FWC’s Coastal Wildlife Conservation Initiative donated a new hoop net for use by the bird rescue program. Hoop nets are useful for lifting entangled or injured birds up out of the water from high places, such as the Cedar Key Fishing Pier. The hoop net is located with the rest of the bird rescue gear at the FWC building. For an example of how to use this net to lift the bird up, see this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzrUREOHDsO

**Bird-friendly boating brochure:**
Check out this new publication authored by the Nature Coast Biological Station, Florida Sea Grant, FWC and the Lower Suwannee NWR about how to limit disturbance of nesting and resting birds. Thank you to the Cedar Keys Audubon for helping spread the message around town with these brochures. https://www.flseagrant.org/wp-content/uploads/SGEF_236_web.pdf

**Recent pelican releases**
Great news! The CKBR group has completed two successful pelican rescues recently. The pelican in the photos below was found tangled in fishing line near G Street. The bird was weak and starving because the line prevented it from feeding. Rescuers from the program (Deborah K. Anderson, Crosby Hunt, and Rick Anthony of Cedar Keys Audubon) captured the bird and untangled it, then took it to Nature World Wildlife Rescue in Homosassa to regain its strength. This pelican, and one other rescued from the City of Cedar Key fishing pier, were successfully released in early December. Great work! Photos: Doug Maple
Cedar Key Bird Rescue Training Workshop
Monday, January 30th, 2017
3:00 - 5:00 PM
FWC/FWRI George Kirkpatrick Marine Lab
11350 SW 153rd Ct., Cedar Key, FL 32625

Janie Veltkamp, Licensed Rehabilitator
Birds of Prey Northwest

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Topics Covered:
- Background about the Cedar Key Bird Rescue Initiative
- Observe and practice bird handling and dehooking skills
- Cover logistical details (accessing rescue equipment, contact information)

Who should attend?
- Any person interested in volunteering with the program in any capacity (transporter, handler, or both) -OR-
- Any person interested in learning bird rescue skills. Attendance at the workshop does not require committing to volunteer.

Participation in the workshop is mandatory for you to be involved in the program and all attendees and volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. Please feel free to invite others.

Please RSVP using this link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cedar-key-bird-rescue-workshop-tickets-28941680345 or contact Savanna Barry savanna.barry@ufl.edu.

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