

## Did you know?

It is illegal to rehabilitate deer, black bears, alligators and wild turkeys.



Photo courtesy of Tom Stehn/USFWS

### Fawn Facts:

- Do not touch or interact with fawns
- They are virtually scentless and use camouflage (coats dappled with white spots) to avoid predation
- Does often leave fawns alone for hours to forage and to reduce attracting predators to the fawn
- You are most likely to see fawns in Louisiana from March-September
- If you locate an injured adult deer or fawn, contact your local LDWF Field Office

[www.wlf.la.gov/wildlife-field-offices-and-telephone-numbers](http://www.wlf.la.gov/wildlife-field-offices-and-telephone-numbers)  
1-800-442-2511



Photo courtesy of Mike Lockhart/USFWS



Photo courtesy of Steve Hillebrand/USFWS

To locate a permitted wildlife rehabilitator in your area, please visit our website:

[www.wlf.louisiana.gov/wildlife-rehabilitation-program](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/wildlife-rehabilitation-program)

To report injured bald or golden eagles, contact your local LDWF Field Office or call 1-800-442-2511

Attn: Melissa Collins  
PO Box 98000  
Baton Rouge, La 70898  
(225) 763-8584  
[mcollins@wlf.la.gov](mailto:mcollins@wlf.la.gov)



# WILDLIFE REHABILITATION PROGRAM



Photo courtesy of Perry Russell

## Rules & Application Procedures

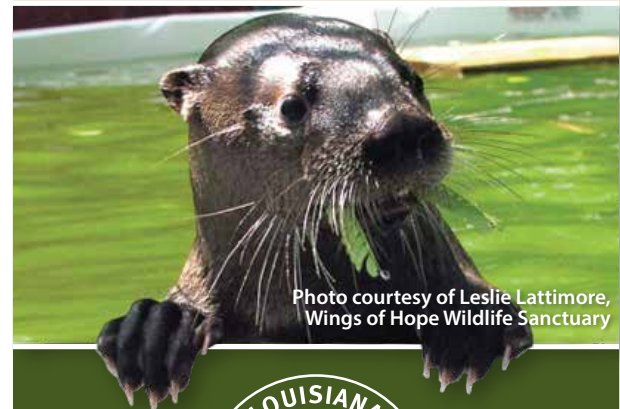


Photo courtesy of Leslie Lattimore, Wings of Hope Wildlife Sanctuary



# The Purpose...



Photo courtesy of WERLA

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit (WRP) program was created to regulate the rehabilitation of injured or orphaned wildlife.

The goal of the program is to place injured or orphaned wildlife in temporary care until they can be successfully returned to the wild.

Wildlife rehabilitation requires knowledge of wildlife behavior, habitat, diet, and other species-specific needs.

An individual must possess and demonstrate the skills necessary to properly rehabilitate and release native species in Louisiana. Wildlife rehabilitation requires training and considerable commitment. WRP applicants must consider the amount of time, effort and cost associated with properly caring for wildlife species.

Please note wildlife shall not be kept as pets in Louisiana and no WRP will be issued for such activity.

# Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Requirements

- Must be 18 or older.
- Convicted felons or individuals with Class 2 or greater wildlife violations are ineligible.
- Must complete an application, release statement and financial responsibility statement.
- Must complete the LDWF wildlife rehabilitation course followed by a 100 question test in addition to annual continuing education courses through LDWF or the IWRC. Proof of course completion must be provided.
- Must provide statement of veterinary support from a veterinarian and a letter of recommendation from a permitted Wildlife Rehabilitator.
- Must pass a facility inspection: enclosures must meet or exceed the NWRA/IWRC minimum standards:  
<https://theiwrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Standards-4th-Ed-2012-final.pdf>
- Wildlife held under a WRP must be handled minimally and without public contact.
- Sale or consumption of wildlife is prohibited.
- A U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Migratory Bird permit is required to possess any bird listed on the Migratory Bird list:  
<https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/migratory-bird-treaty-act-protected-species.php>
- Does not exempt permittee from other state, federal, parish or municipal agency/government ordinances.
- Rehabilitated wildlife may not be imported into or exported out of Louisiana.
- S-1 ranked species may NOT be possessed by the permittee without written authorization.



Flying squirrel!  
Photo courtesy of WERLA  
Dr. Gia Morgan

Common Loon release  
Photo courtesy of  
Armand de LaREAL

For more information on the Wildlife Rehabilitator Program or to receive an application for a Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit, please refer to the contact information on the back of this pamphlet.