

2020

WILDLIFE REPORT



Santa Barbara

Wildlife Care Network

SAVING & SERVING WILDLIFE SINCE 1988



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THE MISSION

The Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network (SBWCN) serves to rescue, rehabilitate, and return to the wild sick, injured, orphaned, or oil-impaired wild birds, herptiles, and small mammals in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties and to educate the public about living in harmony with wildlife.

THE VISION

The Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network exists to support the present and future health of wildlife species and ecosystems through:



REHABILITATION



EDUCATION



COLLABORATION



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ARIANA'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dear Friend of the Wildlife,

As SBWCN releases its first annual report and builds a new Wildlife Hospital, we are reminded of how this organization has grown since we first began in 1988 rehabilitating pelicans out of June Taylor's pool. Since then, SBWCN has fulfilled a critical need in the Santa Barbara and Ventura communities to save and serve thousands of wild animals every year. The coastal environment that we live in is diverse and abundant in wildlife, and SBWCN provides a safety net to care for the wildlife we all love and cherish.

With your help, SBWCN has evolved from those early days of working out of individual homes, kitchens, and bathtubs dispersed all over the county. While the Network is still crucial to our efforts, SBWCN has also gained the critical support of an on-site wildlife veterinarian. We are so grateful to have a robust team of professional animal care staff and volunteers providing life-saving care at our Center.

After 33 years of operating in humble facilities, it is so thrilling that construction is currently underway for a state-of-the-art regional Wildlife Hospital. It is just incredible to think how far we have come, and how far we will go together.

Thanks to you, our Network, we save wild lives.

If this last year has proven anything, it is how resilient our community really is. SBWCN is proud to serve the wildlife and community of the California South Coast. This annual report reflects the thousands of people that make our work possible. Thank you for supporting SBWCN.

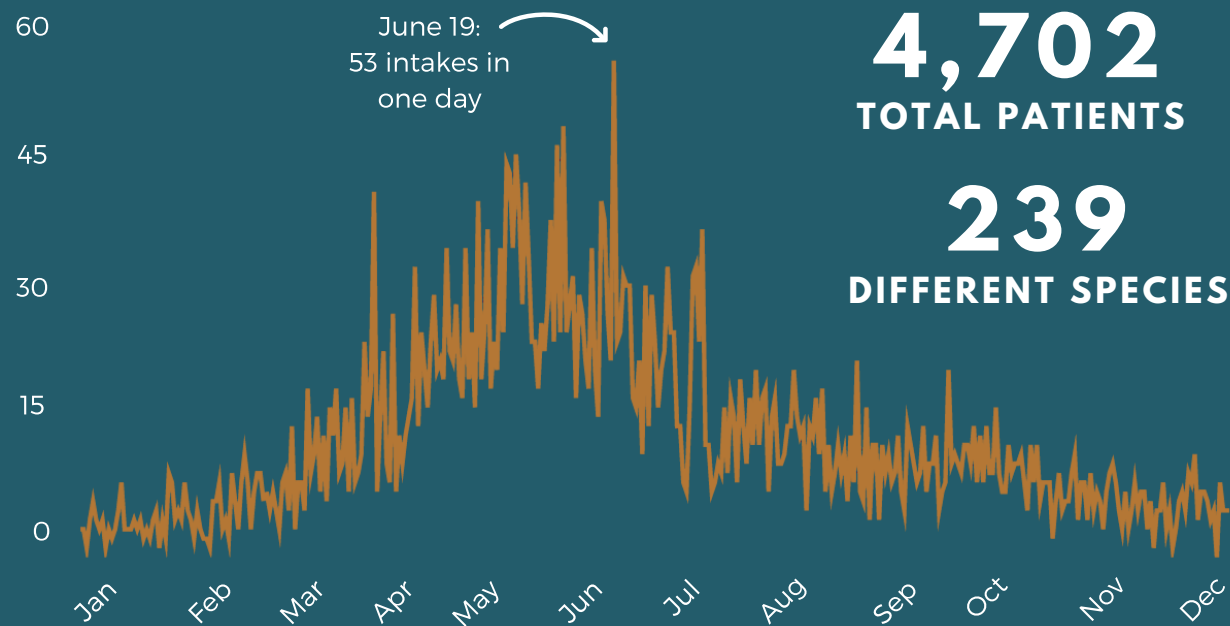
Sincerely for the Wild Ones,

Ariana Katovich
Executive Director



WILDLIFE IMPACT







SBWCN's Wildlife Care Center is open every day of the year to provide critical care to the region's wildlife. Over the last several years, the organization has seen exponential growth as intakes continue to skyrocket. Here are some of the statistics from 2020.



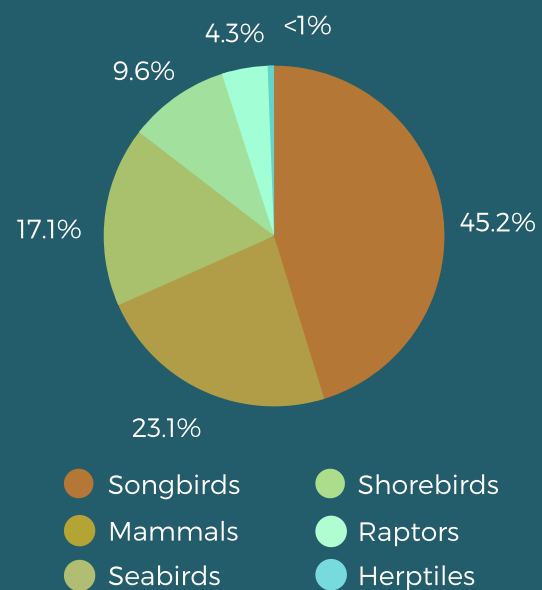
4,702
TOTAL PATIENTS

239
DIFFERENT SPECIES

MOST RELEASED SPECIES BY TAXONOMIC GROUP

-  **237** Mallards
-  **234** Virginia Opossums
-  **88** American Crows
-  **34** Brandt's Cormorants
-  **9** Red-tailed Hawks
-  **6** Western Pond Turtles

PERCENT OF PATIENTS BY TAXONOMIC GROUP



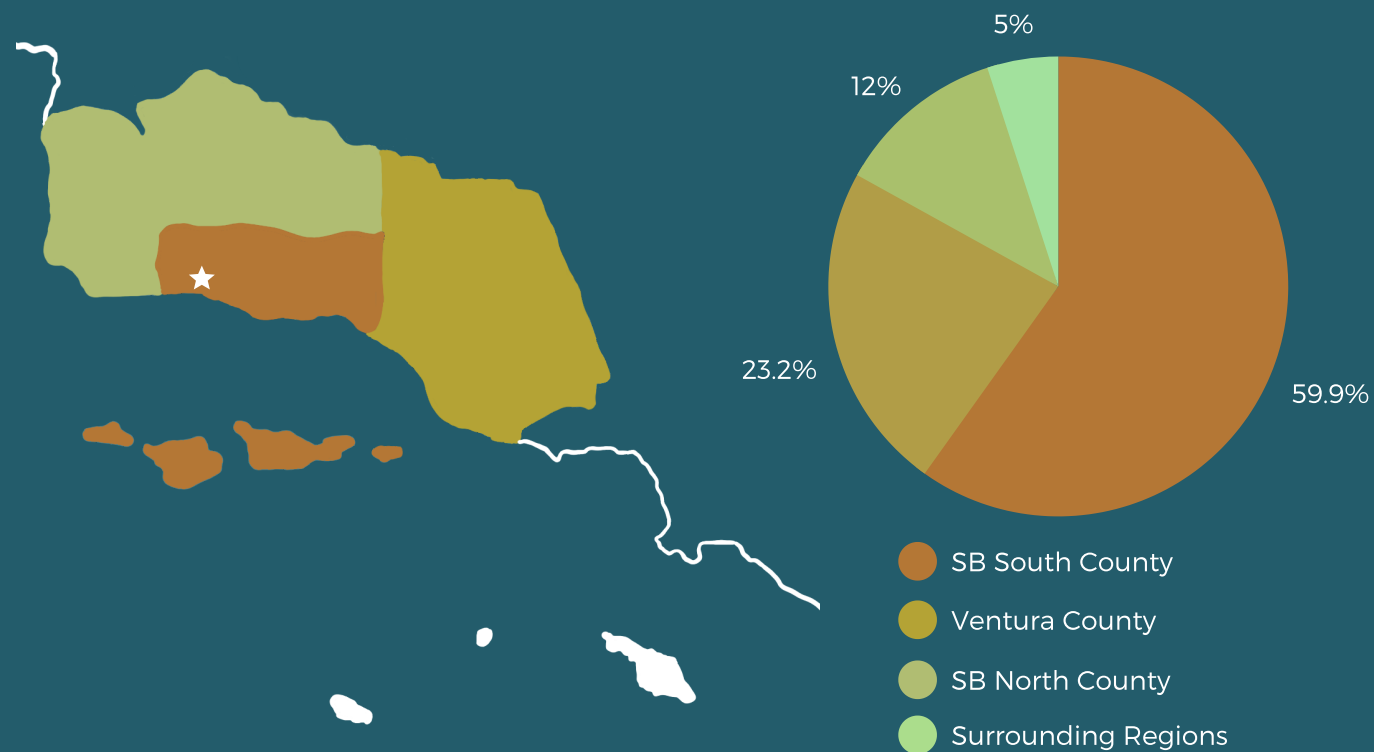
14.4%
increase in patient load since 2019



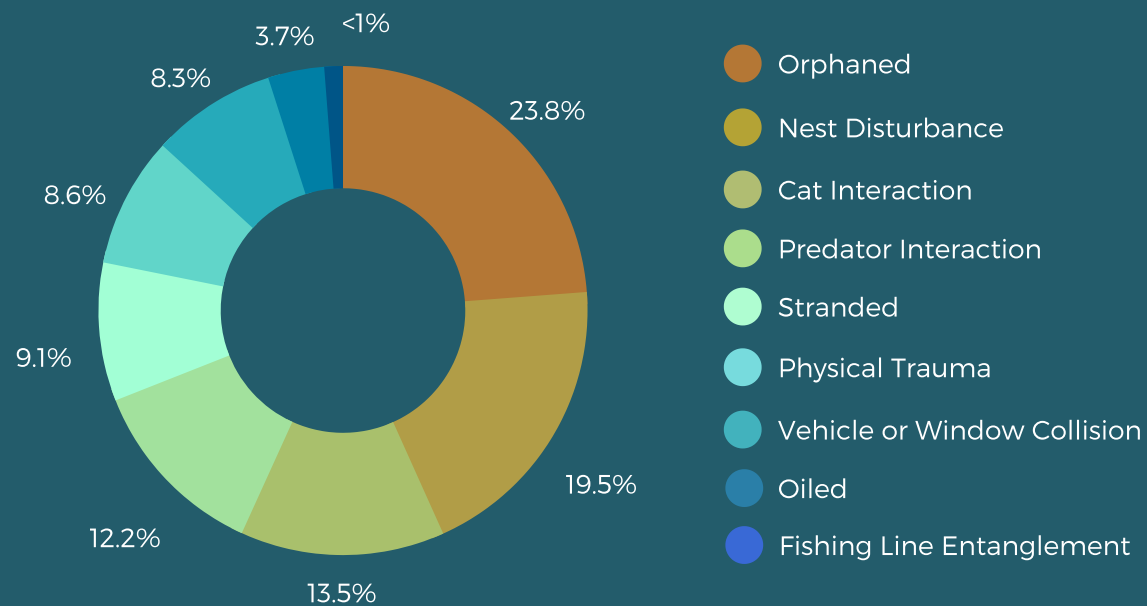
65%
survival rate after
the first 24 hours

MOST COMMON RESCUE LOCATIONS

SBWCN rescues thousands of animals a year in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. However, the organization receives animals as far north as Cambria and as far south as Los Angeles.



TOP REASONS FOR ADMISSION

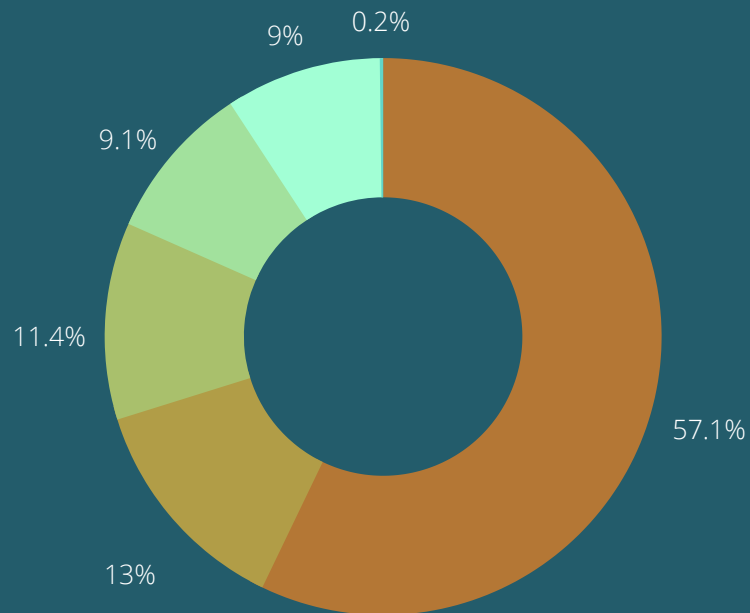


FINANCIAL IMPACT (FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020)

Rehabilitating wildlife is no easy or simple feat, and a strong network of support is key to success. The Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network sincerely appreciates and recognizes the generous support received from its donors who are paving the way to ensure the future of local wildlife.

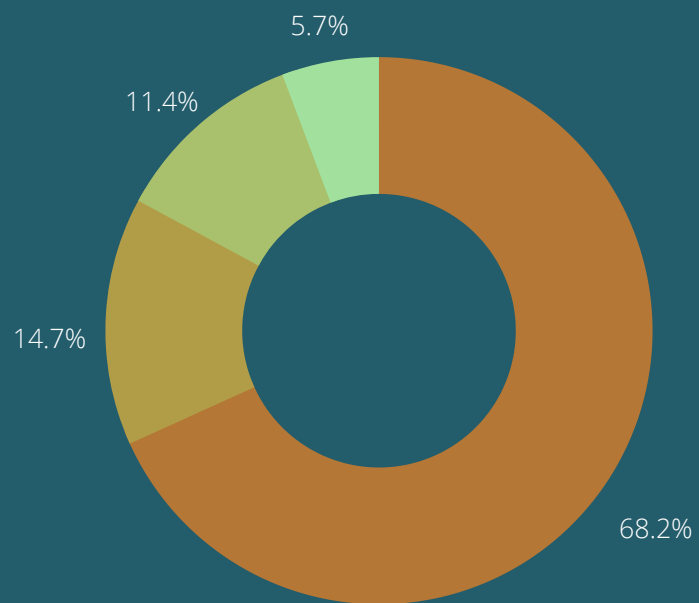
\$1.1M
OPERATING
INCOME

- General Contributions
- Education & Outreach
- Grants
- In-Kind Contributions
- Bequests & Legacies
- Investment Income



\$1.1M
OPERATING
EXPENSES

- Animal Care Program
- General & Administration
- Fundraising & Development
- Education & Outreach



For complete copy of SBWCN's financials, visit www.sbwcn.org/financial-information

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

SBWCN receives help from hundreds of dedicated individuals. Rescuing, cleaning, and feeding are some of the many tasks this amazing volunteer force accomplishes everyday. From ages 10 to 85, SBWCN's work would not be possible without them.



15,865
VOLUNTEER HOURS



300
ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS



7,000+
HELPLINE CALLS

OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

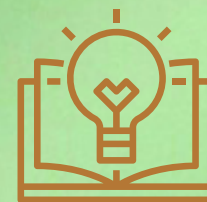
SBWCN's mission extends beyond saving wild animals to educating the community about its direct impact on wildlife, how to be a good neighbor to wildlife, and ways they can help in their daily lives.



2,000+
ATTENDEES AT THE
VIRTUAL BENEFIT EVENT



650
VISITORS TO THE
OPEN HOUSE



1,250+
EDUCATIONAL
INTERACTIONS





The Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network is deeply grateful for the support provided by the dedicated staff, volunteers, and donors that make its work possible.



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