

# WILVOS Wildlife Whisperings



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## The Joys of Rearing Dusky Moorhen Chicks.

Early in December I was making a quick trip to Coolum to pass a scaly-breasted lorikeet on to Jeanette to go with hers. Soon after arrival there, the Coolum Vet Surgery phoned to ask if I could incubate some swampen eggs that had been taken to the surgery.

After the wonderful experience of having 4 masked lapwings hatch out in the incubator, I thought this was worth trying. It saddened me that these eggs should have been moved in the first place, especially when so close to hatching.

I took a box into the vets to collect the eggs, vowing that I would add an empty egg carton to my rescue equipment. (That way it is much easier to keep the eggs in their same position.) The vet nurse brought out this large, sturdy, intricately woven beautiful nest, containing ten eggs.

Within four days all had hatched. Incidentally, they were dusky moorhen chicks, not purple swampens. That was another learning experience studying up on the different coloured eggs, type of nests etc. Having mainly dealt with marsupials over my years of wildlife caring, I have a lot to learn about birds!

Plovers are fast at learning to feed themselves. If it is a lone chick, then a bantam chicken soon gets them fossicking! Dusky moorhens are fed by their family initially (even last years young may help out), so they are a little slower to self-feed. These learnt quickly by necessity! Every minute of the day seemed to be taken up with dangling food in front of them and leading their beak down to a dish to encourage them to self feed. (There is a funny video on the WILVOS website of one learning to feed himself. He does a backflip in his excitement!)

I found the best way to ensure they all had their fill was to feed them one by one and place them into a carton and because some were a bit slower at eating, I'd feed them again one by one back into the original box. After those two feeds I would go for the mass feeding—holding strings of silverbeet up with yellow tweezers for them to fight over! (Yellow tweezers were the closest I could find to an adult's beak colour!) Time consuming, but effective. Thank you Marie for the delicious grubs!

Unfortunately, the tenth chick didn't make it. He was weaker and when I gave him extra attention he perked up a little. Unfortunately, I am sure he died because I just couldn't keep up the pace! I still kick myself for not making that extra effort for just a few more days.

When it came to release day, it was a further education. It was just beautiful by the dam. I thought they'd be more appreciative of the huge expanse of water, considering I spent half my day cleaning and replenishing their ponds in my yard. These moorhens had become very independent so I was surprised that in their new unfamiliar environment they still looked on me as their protector. They liked hiding in the carton I had wedged into some ground cover. I had only taken their carton hideaway off them the week before. They did get thrown into the water a few times!

I sat on the ground and watched them as they dug in the mud and swam out and about. Finally settled! Then a plover flew over screeching. Mass panic! The nine of them all rushed over and tried to squash in under my knees. I had to see the funny side of it! At home, I had loved the way they'd drop to the ground or rush into the garden when the galahs would fly overhead.

Soon they settled again and weren't so 'clingy', but I did wonder how I was going to get back to the car which was a couple of hundred metres away. My initiative surfaced. Once they had congregated around the carton and the groundcover, I prepared myself for my escape. I played a YouTube recording of a plover shrieking and they all hit the deck, totally still, while I scarpered off.

I visited early the next morning. By the time I reached the release spot, nine moorhens were hiding in the carton! They then raced out to the water as if telling me how clever they were! They showed a total lack of interest in me and I was highly relieved about that!.....Donna

PS If you get a call on the hotline about incubating native wildlife eggs—YES we will!



Soon they were all feet!



It was great to see those little white spot-lights emerge on the rear end!

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the WILVOS organization but all contributions are welcome. DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE 23rd April 2017 Email: [newsletter@wilvos.org.au](mailto:newsletter@wilvos.org.au)

## Chick Flicks



Crow



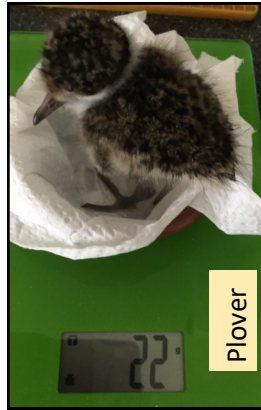
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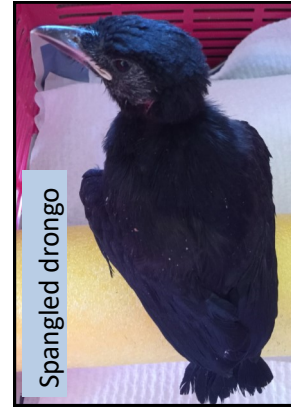
Pheasant coucal



Pacific black ducklings



Plover



Spangled drongo



Black-faced cuckoo shrike

When wildlife come into care, take a photo on the scales showing weight of animal. You then have weight, stage of development and date. If you can do this weekly (use a little carton, with the weight marked on it, so not to stress the animal) then you also have the progress weight chart, in case you forget to record it elsewhere. This is good for future comparisons and knowing what an animal should weigh approximately when it comes into your care at a certain stage of development of fur/feathers/scales/spines. Well, maybe not with puggles because they'll be a ten-ton Tessie if they've just had a feed off Mumma echidna!

*With photographs it is a good idea to remember that camera flashes may be detrimental to eyesight. Camera directions usually give recommended distances of which to be aware.*

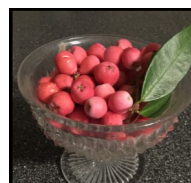
Lovely to hear recently from Archie, one of our WILVO members who joined about ten years ago as a junior member. A brilliant mind combined with excellent wildlife carer skills, we knew he would be a great asset to the future of our precious Australian wildlife. Congratulations, Archie, on being asked to contribute to the next edition of Medicine for Australian Mammals. It is indeed an honour!

With a name like Archibald Bouchon-Small one would just have to be an achiever!



Sylvia's 'ugly duckling' not long before he turned into a beautiful Magpie Goose. (With his duckling friends.)

To make a quick 'nest' for nestlings just put about 6 pieces of paper towel on top of each other and twist the corners. Wet the twisted corners and they will dry firmly and you can have a stack of nests ready.



Why feed supermarket food when there is so much nutritious fresh native fruit around?????

**Spray birds with mite and lice spray on arrival in your care, if this hasn't already been done.**

A big Happy Birthday to Rosemary. We are especially happy to see you back to your bright happy and healthy self again.





@possum workshop will be held on the 19th March. If you would like to care for possums, or if you are looking after your first possums, and want to continue to do so, please come along.

It is beneficial for wildlife carers to gain knowledge on all species, as all wildlife need our care.

Thank you to Melanie Penman for the photo below and the one on the right. Since this time last year, Melanie has cared for a variety of birds and numerous possums, some very tiny.

A huge "THANK YOU" to all you wonderful carers, hotliners and supporters out there.



What are those ringtails doing—hanging out the washing???

#### HIGHLY RECOMMENDED PHONE APP:

The Michael Morcombe and David Stewart "eGuide to the Birds of



Australia". There is a free Lite version. The full guide does come at a cost of \$29.95 but so much information is at your fingertips, including the bird calls to help identification.

Don't delay with getting fractures treated. Your delay can mean deformity and subsequent unnecessary euthanasia.

**L**ive food such as crickets and mealworms are only as good as the food you feed them.



The entertainment area has suddenly become a possum haven!

**I**f we are going to look after wildlife we need to extend our knowledge on native plants.

Sunshine Coast Botanist Ann Moran (Co Author of 'Plant ID Made Easy' and 'Fauna Friendly Plants of South-East Queensland') is going to take us on a walk to identify some good native food trees when the weather cools down a little. You can bring along those plants you want identified on the day. Don't bring just one leaf—bring little branch, with flower, fruit, or bark if possible. Maybe a photo on your phone!

MEANWHILE, I've just heard that, on Saturday 25th February, Wildcare are holding a training day on "Wildlife Habitat and Native Plant Identification" at Beerwah. I would really encourage carers to also attend this. (It is good value at \$20 for the day for non-members.) Email: [education@wildcare.org.au](mailto:education@wildcare.org.au)

Then, a follow up with Ann's walk in May, and you will be surprised at your sudden acquisition of native plant knowledge!

You'll know what these plants are, and our possums will be spared from death by foliage!

Fruit and vegetables aren't on my possums' menu. How can we 'rabbit on' about soft release and not even feed our animals correctly?



#### An exquisite parrot!

A trip to the vets for an unidentified bird is not unusual.—sometimes we all stand there scratching our heads! Call Sylvia!

This Little Lorikeet was found on the ground at Valdora, emaciated with a thick scabbing and puncture wounds on chest. It is recovering beautifully, became 'wild', and I am now optimistic there will be a release date soon!

Luckily I took a few photos while it was sedate!



**W**hen removing paper from bird cages, spray with water first to prevent inhalation of dust from dander, droppings, etc.

December was certainly a hectic month. It was sad to see so many birds needing care, either through injury or through being orphaned. Despite this, as wildlife carers we just have to take the opportunity to learn more as situations occur. One day, after picking up a rainbow lorikeet, I rang Lyn after seeing that she also had one or two in her care. Arranging to meet, I went to move the lorikeet into the carry basket. To my horror I saw a very obvious tapeworm on the paper lining the bottom of the cage. I know all wildlife carry worms but I feel that the stress involved with captivity can lead to an overburden and be detrimental to their health.

I then found out that Ivermectin was not an effective treatment for tapeworm, that it needed to be an anthelmintic containing Praziquantel, such as Vetafarm Wormout Gel, or Avitrol Plus. This is why Drontal puppy wormer may be prescribed for macropods.

If an overburden of worms is suspected in any rehabilitating wildlife, then this highlights the importance of asking your veterinarian to identify just what parasites are present so that the appropriate treatment can be prescribed.

Wildlife do not always need to be treated for worms, but an overburden may kill them. So if an excess of worms are found in faeces, then monitor and weigh daily.....Donna



Check out Greening Australia's website for their Training Dates. They are in Norman Park in Brisbane but are well worth the time and cost. Relevant subjects are Fauna Forensics, Wildlife of our Waterways and Reptile ID. There's no such thing as too much education on our native animals and their environment!

#### What can people do to help our wildlife!

\*Don't leave the dried cat and dog food out. Once your pets have had their fill, take the dish away. This is better for your pets and better for wildlife that are drawn to dried pet food and put themselves in danger in the process.

\*In rural areas—Replace at least that top strand of barbed wire with plain wire.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

I am sure all our new members at our recent induction will enjoy their time with WILVOS in whatever capacity they may choose.

**ONE REQUEST:** Could everyone who recently joined as a carer on the contact list, or on the hotline, please send an email to each of the following;

birds@wilvos.org.au  
hotline@wilvos.org.au

After attending the next possum workshop if you wish to also care for marsupials, then email:

marsupials@wilvos.org.au

This will allow the coordinators to have your correct email address. Believe it or not, some people don't know their own email address, or write it down illegibly on their membership form, and it takes time and guesswork to finally work out the correct one!

As wildlife carers we are expected to pick up any wildlife species as quickly as possible from the member of the public or the vets. (There is not the same urgency from wildlife hospitals but respond to co-ordinators ASAP) On the Phone Contact List, the majority of people have 'Birds' beside their name. This DOES NOT mean that they only look after or pick up injured or orphaned birds. Those on the Contact List will pick up any species as soon as possible. Once it has been collected, then someone who cares for that species can be contacted. It is imperative that we pick up orphaned or injured life regardless of any personal preference. Being a wildlife carer means caring for ALL wildlife. They all desperately need our care. The members of the public who take the time to call us really care.

Are there any sewers out there who would like to volunteer their time to sew the large car carry bags that hang off the seat headrests?

We have plenty of material but need sewers. Email: enquiries@wilvos.org.au

*Wildlife caring is an ever-learning experience that rewards us with incredible joy, yet can sometimes plunge us into depths of indescribable despair.*



### WILVOS FOOD SUBSIDY

Please keep your receipts so you can claim a food subsidy if you qualify for same. If you wish to apply for a subsidy, please request a food subsidy claim form through [enquiries@wilvos.org.au](mailto:enquiries@wilvos.org.au) or post in a request for a form to the PO Box.

**\*Please fill in the form and attach receipts and a copy of your fauna returns for the time the subsidy is claimed. Otherwise there will be no response.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** To qualify for the food subsidy the following guidelines must be followed:

- Species Co-ordinator must have been advised when animals came into care—see **their details in this newsletter**.
- Release Officer advised prior to release.
- Copies of fauna returns to be attached to the claims. (Originals to be sent in normally, to [returns@wilvos.org.au](mailto:returns@wilvos.org.au) or by post.)
- The minimum of two WILVO workshops per year to be attended by carer, as is necessary to retain permit.
- The person claiming must be an active WILVO carer listed on the Contact List. People may belong to any number of wildlife care organizations but must decide with which one they are 'active'. This has been done at the request of other major wildlife rehabilitation groups in Queensland. Unfortunately, people were joining and sourcing benefits from a number of groups, but were accountable to none of them. Animals were not being registered with co-ordinators and release details were not recorded.
- A minimum amount of \$80, and maximum amount of \$300 has been spent over a 3 month period. The subsidy does not cover costs of expensive extra items such as mice, mealworms, crickets etc. It is the responsibility of carers to grow their own, or entice someone else to grow them for you! Similarly, with fruit/vegetables, carers should seek out sources from local fruit and vegetable suppliers. As these are a supplement only with most species, they should not form a major part of the diet of any wildlife in care. Marsupial carers will receive subsidy for their formula, not for items such as Impact.
- Subsidy will be assessed at the cheapest available price for the product.

It would naturally be expected that those receiving the subsidy reciprocate in some way to show appreciation to the organization ie doing at least one shift a month on the phone, as all carers are expected to do. We are all extremely busy but it lightens the load when the chores are shared.

Formula or food is not to be passed on to anyone outside WILVOS.

### EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES :

Milk Powder, Teats, Bottles, pouches/car carry bags for possums and macropods, Oxbow Critical Care, or Charcoal Powder. Phone/Email Donna.

Possum Boxes/ Dreys available when animals reach size requiring same. Phone/Email Sylvia.

Teresa Wadey has hanging bags @\$10ea [jfuproductions@gmail.com](mailto:jfuproductions@gmail.com) 0403 618 026  
Pet and produce shops may give a discount. Please show your Membership Card when buying food for wildlife.

The best food we can give our animals is what they would be eating in the wild. Supplement foods are just that! Needless to say there are supplements such as Calcium that are necessary.

10% discount Mad About Pets, Nambour 20% discount Petstock, Noosaville

### Have you paid your LAST YEAR'S Membership Renewal yet???

Sylvia is still going through the time-consuming job of chasing up people to pay their memberships.

Now, really—Putting your name on a form in your computer, does not constitute payment of an invoice. Your computer might be clever but it doesn't know to transfer money from your account unless you put in your relevant information. Luckily for you, as your bank account would be empty!!!

RSPCA Qld are holding a wildlife database training session at Wacol on their new wildlife recording system. This will be recorded and you can email them and ask for a link to this.

Email: [wildlifedatabase@rspcaqld.org.au](mailto:wildlifedatabase@rspcaqld.org.au)



Delicate Mouse. On arrival, with eyes still closed but well furred.

**A**mong the interesting birds over the last months, there were also other interesting little natives.

Four tiny little mice came from the Australian Wildlife Hospital with possible Eastern Chestnut Mice written on the pink slip. I puzzled on that a while thinking they were just too small. Only one species fitted the bill, and that was the Delicate Mouse.

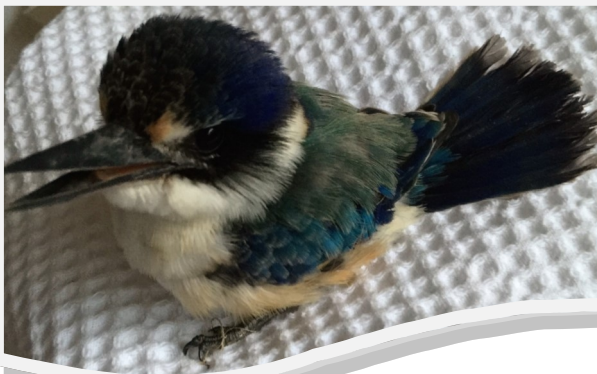
In 2011 the NSW Scientific Committee, established by the Threatened Species Conservation Act, listed the Delicate Mouse *Pseudomys delicatulus* as an Endangered Species. As populations of native species dwindle in New South Wales, sadly we see the trend follow up to Queensland.

These four little terrors soon had their eyes open, ate an enormous amount of food for their size, and developed the sharpest little teeth. They were incredibly agile and fast and a few chases ensued!

I spent an inordinate amount of time observing them. They were delightful creatures. Very entertaining! They have just been returned to their original location, which I studied intently on Earth Google, and was pleased to see it wasn't total suburbia!

I almost heaved a sigh of relief when they went on their way!





Forest kingfisher juvenile.

**D**on't forget to do a visual assessment as you approach an injured animal.

Are the eyes open and looking bright or maybe twitching? Is the head leaning to one side? Is a wing hanging down? Do the legs look OK? Is there any sign of bleeding or dried blood? Does the animal look symmetrical? Is it trying to hide one side from your vision?

So much can be observed even before the hands-on examination.

### DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE INNOVATIVE!

**A**s we all know, it has been an incredibly busy time for injured and orphaned wildlife. Sometimes we have to get inventive, creating emergency short-term solutions to be able to take in more animals. Teresa's sudden influx of little ringtail possums, ranging in size from 90 to 130g needed housing. They may seem small but they need to be active! **A carry basket is just not big enough for anything bigger than 'pinkies' and very small possums.** Stress-related complications can soon arise from inadequate housing. Two plastic laundry baskets cable-tied together with a 'door' cut in the plastic created a temporary home for the outlay of only \$10. Branches were installed and the possums were very happy. Teresa found it amusing that they very quickly found the door at feed time!



Rosemary is also always incredibly innovative in constructing instant housing for injured or orphaned birds when her accommodation facilities are full! Cutting a square in the side of an A4 paper carton and taping gutterguard mesh to it makes an instant 'recovery ward' for a young chick or sick bird. This is disposable after the quarantine period but still allows the box to be placed outside for the bird to get its quota of sunlight through the mesh. Sunlight through glass blocks UVB rays and these rays are needed to allow production of Vitamin D. Vitamin D allows animals to absorb the calcium that their bodies require for optimal bone development.



The above carry baskets are now available at Price Busters near Aldi in Nambour and at the Dollar Tree stores across the coast.

**P**lease contact Terrie Ridgway if you need a release site for birds or reptiles. Terrie knows what lives in her area. Her property joins up with others that extend over a thousand hectares.

PH: 0487 930 903

**A**fter reading the Code of Practice, don't feel that you have to be set up as a fully equipped wildlife facility. That is the advantage of wildlife groups. Different people can manage different stages. Ideally wildlife would go from triage to release with one person but that is not always possible or practical. Decide on what you can do best, always keeping the animals interests in mind.

You will become a 'handyman' and also realize why it is not possible to keep the 'unreleasables' that comes your way. Aviary space needs to be kept for those that can be rehabilitated and returned to the wild.

You wont see Gapeworm (red) — You will see Throatworm (white).

**HEAT STRESS KILLS.** Use a remote thermometer with sensor to monitor the temperature in your cages and aviaries.

\*Don't hose down a hot metal roof and have scalding water trickle through onto your animals. Cover the roof with 30cm of palm fronds and hose them first thing in the morning.

\*Ensure direct sun does not hit nesting boxes.

\*Put a wine cask bladder of frozen water on top of the nest box.

\*Mist your birds and provide a shallow tray of water for bathing.

### CONGRATULATIONS JULIE PENLINGTON—A well-deserved recognition.

Founder and president of 4 Paws Animal Rescue Inc. , Julie Penlington, was named the Sunshine Coast Australia Day Citizen of the Year at a special ceremony held on the 24th January, 2017, at the Suncoast Events Centre.

Julie does wonderful work with domestic animals and many have been saved by her dedication and commitment to finding a home for animals in need.

## Wildlife Volunteers Association Inc. (WILVOS) Co-ordinating Team for 2016/17



Please direct your calls to the relevant people when making enquiries  
*ie Membership enquiries to Sylvia (Or advice, complaints, praise!)*

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**MARIE IS HAPPY FOR YOU TO TEXT YOUR WEEKLY BIRD UPDATE TO 0419 753736 if this is easier for you than emailing [birds@wilvos.org.au](mailto:birds@wilvos.org.au) Either way, Marie will bring the list up-to-date each week.**

**If you are on our Carers Contact List** and don't get a weekly email list of 'who has what birds', then please email [birds@wilvos.org.au](mailto:birds@wilvos.org.au) Marie will put you on the list and then you are able to contact other carers on the list to group similar bird species when they come to you. It is always best for the different wildlife species to be with their own.

**If you have a marsupial in care**, then please email [marsupials@wilvos.org.au](mailto:marsupials@wilvos.org.au) Mae will add you to her list. Once again it is really important to get ringtail possums and gliders together as young as possible. Ringtails do not thrive at all well when they are on their own.



To become a wildlife carer you must hold a rehabilitation permit and meet standards described in the **Code of Practice—Care of Sick, Injured or Orphaned Protected Animals in Queensland**  
[www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/caring-for-wildlife](http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/caring-for-wildlife)

AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE HOSPITAL DETAILS:

When receiving wildlife from AWH please follow up by advising them when an animal dies, is released, or is passed to another carer. Quote Accession no. from pink slip and, if applicable, details of next carer.

[hospital@wildlifewarriors.org.au](mailto:hospital@wildlifewarriors.org.au) or phone 5436 2340

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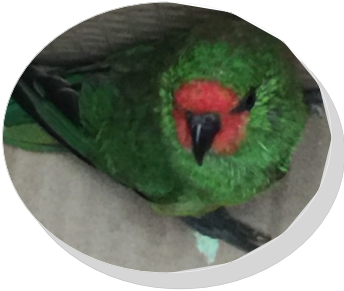
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**C**arers....When you receive wildlife into care, please state clearly their origin on your fauna return. This means the address of where the animal was found and the name of who actually gave the animal to you. Even if you are transporting wildlife for another wildlife group, still put this on your WILVOS Monthly Fauna Return. WILVOS are proud of the fact that wildlife are entrusted to our care, and we are proud of our reputation as competent wildlife carers. Recording of all animals helps the future of wildlife. From the moment an animal comes into our WILVO care it is our responsibility through to release. Wildlife are not to be handed on to people outside of WILVOS. Being a member of an internet wildlife site does not constitute a competent carer. Sometimes those that may sound very knowledgeable may not have the necessary skills at all, which means our wildlife suffer even more than they already have. Our wildlife deserve respect—would you pass on your cat or dog to someone through the internet? The same applies to information gleaned from the internet. Some is excellent, but please check it out thoroughly and go to reliable sources. There are plenty of reliable sites with genuine veterinary information relevant to all species being rehabilitated. Talk to your wildlife vets for correct information.