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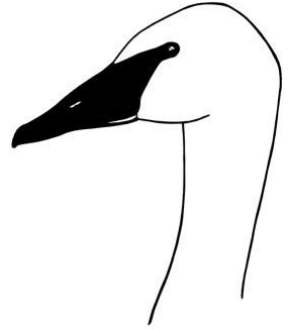
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Thanks to you, Oregon's Summer Lake Wildlife Area has new swans!



Above: Big white birds meet! Just-released Trumpeter Swans met American Pelicans at Summer Lake Wildlife Area on June 29, 2024. Learn more about this important swan release inside.



Left: Summer Lake Wildlife Area has new swans that came from across the country!

Right: Member Alice Elshoff held one of the Sunriver Nature Center swans being prepared for release, while retired Summer Lake Wildlife Manager Marty St. Louis put a leg band on the swan.

Pg 1-3: Photos by Margaret Smith and zoo staff

Oregon swan release was a success!

Twenty-five young trumpeter swans have a new home at Summer Lake Wildlife Area
By Dr. Gary Ivey



Above: Leg and neck bands were put on the swans before release. Each band is unique to the swan. The band codes and other information were recorded and will be part of the official record of each swan.



Left top: ODFW Brandon Reishus explained the importance of banding and how it is done. Neck bands are sized for swans and do not harm them.

Center: Peter Pruett of Zoo Idaho held a swan getting a leg band put on by retired Summer Lake Wildlife Area manager Marty St. Louis, assisted by Tiffany Mayo.



Left bottom: A swan is banded and ready to be released! Zoo staff traveled to Summer Lake to assist in banding the swans.

A large release of 25 juvenile trumpeter swans took place at Summer Lake Wildlife Area on June 29th as part of the Oregon Restoration Project.

This Project's goal is to reach the Pacific Flyway objectives for Oregon of at least 15 breeding pairs and 75 adults, by building a wild flock, centered at

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Thanks to your generous support, the Oregon swan release was a success!

Top left: The swans were taken in kennels to the Summer Lake Wildlife Area release site. Right: The moment of release!

Left: Eight of the swans stayed close together in their first exploration of their new home at Summer Lake Wildlife Area.

Summer Lake and eventually connecting that flock to the remaining Malheur National Wildlife Refuge trumpeter swans. The project is a partnership between the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), The Trumpeter Swan Society, and the Fish and Wildlife Service. Zoos played an important role in this release.

The swans were from a variety of sources, including the captive pairs at Sunriver Nature Center and Pronghorn Resort, eight zoos and Wyoming Wetlands Society.

With a couple exceptions, the young swans hatched in 2023. They spent the winter together at Zoo Idaho in Pocatello as a soft release site to isolate them from people and make them a little “wilder” before they were released. The swans were banded and fitted with green plastic neck collars, with codes engraved with white lettering for monitoring and identification. Future Trumpeter Watch reports may have sightings and photos of these green collared swans! If you would like to support the Oregon Restoration Project, you can do so by donating at <https://www.trumpeterswansociety.org> (How to Help >Pick a Project).

“Return of the Trumpeters” airs on PBS



You will discover the enduring legacy of George Melendez Wright at Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge and Yellowstone National Park.

The wait is over! A bequest to TTSS in 2015 and 2016 from the James and Patricia Bigley Trust funded this marvelous hour-long documentary by film maker Steve Devon.

Released for PBS stations in July 2024, the film has already aired on PBS stations in Maryland, Alaska, Oregon, Utah, New Hampshire, Texas, New Mexico, Montana, northern Minnesota, Michigan, and Indiana. Check our website for air dates.

This fabulous film tells the amazing, passion-filled story of the return of trumpeter swans from near-extinction by the early 20th century.

You will hear from the people directly involved in restoring swans across North America. You will be enchanted by the hatch and growth of cygnets in a swan family over a summer at Seney National Wildlife Refuge in Michigan.

You will experience the excitement and delight of kids and adults in Iowa at swan releases restoring swans to their state. And so much more!

***“It is so beautifully done! Brought tears!!”* Carol Thompson, NH**



Experience the first summer of a swan family in northern Michigan from nesting to fledge.



Discover how swan eggs were collected in Alaska for Midwest restorations. Explore why northwest Washington and southern British Columbia are critical winter habitat for Pacific Coast trumpeter swans.



Harry Lumsden restored swans to Ontario



“The film is outstanding!! I loved seeing the people I knew and worked with get credit.”
~ Dave Myers, Salt Lake City, Utah

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