



[Raptor Flight Show](#) and [White Mountain Nature Center](#)

Email Newsletter ~ July 31, 2022

Raptor Show news for this week:

- We have a beautiful male Aplomado Falcon!
- Simon watches TV - with his head backwards...
- Azul discovers fast food
- Speedy takes a bath
- A food order like no other
- Daily FREE training exhibitions continue to attract

If you want to donate, [click here](#) and then click the Raptor Show Donation button - we need your help to feed and care for our show ambassadors and to build their new enclosures and viewing area. Thank you so much!

Astro is here! And quite a character!!

Thanks to some generous donations and a breeder's cancelled order we were able to get a male Aplomado Falcon, Astro! He arrived July 18 and is doing great. Among raptors, females are 1/3 larger than males, but what Astro lacks in size he makes up for in personality! We will be training him to come out by Sept. (he's just a baby now)



Monitoring weight daily is key to keeping Falcons healthy so Astro is already trained to come to his scale. He was 230g when he came in and now tips the scales at 241g (8.5 oz).



Hey! Wait! That's my glove! As you can see, Astro is a real beauty with awesome markings and a 14 inch wingspan. The stripe down his face reduces glare when hunting prey.

Simon loves cartoons on TV!



He watches with his head pointing backwards! To an owl that is just as comfy as the other way around! Hopefully he will be moving to the Nature Center soon.



Azul rips into a fast food box filled with tasty treats (not fries!!)

Speedy takes a bath! Yes, Raptors do bathe regularly!!



Mice, rats, quail, oh my! No, you can't get this from Uber Eats! This is our frozen food order for August and September. \$1,200 of delightful nutrition. (this is where your donations go - everyone is a volunteer, including us)

FREE Daily Training Exhibitions



FREE Training Shows continue ~ 3:00 to 4:00 PM Daily (weather permitting)
Come see our amazing birds fly. Ask questions about modern "animal choice" training - which also works for kids and stubborn husbands. ;-)
We are averaging 10-35 people every day, so get there on time to get a good seat!

Use the driveway just South of the Nature Center to park next to the Rehab Bldg.



The training exhibitions have attracted 437 people in the first five weeks!





News from the White Mountain Nature Center

July 29th forestry preso for landowners at WMNC



The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) hosted a workshop for landowners in the area on July 29th to increase enrollment in the Forest Stewardship Program and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The main focus

habitat.

Shaping a world-class Raptor Show, one bird at a time - Aug 6th, 6 PM



A multimedia exploration of a fantastic journey, from volunteers to producing a world-class raptor show -- starring the birds and trainers of the White Mountain Nature Center. Experience John and Balinda's amazing and inspirational story as they went from being volunteers at a rehab facility to award-winning certified professional bird trainers. This is your chance to meet them and hear about the birds and people that made it possible. See videos of birds they have trained for other facilities and the beautiful super-stars of the Free Flight Raptor Show that is taking shape here at the Nature Center.

This program is one you won't want to miss! It will be at 6 PM at the Nature Center.

Members are admitted free and guests are asked for a \$10 donation.

Light refreshments will be served.

White Mountain Nature Center's Hawaiian Luau Annual Benefit Dinner



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 AT 5 PM
at The White Mountain Nature Center
Enjoy **Live Steel Drum Music**, a Complimentary
Hawaiian Cocktail and traditional **Luau Dinner!**

Tickets \$50 per person ~ available at the Nature Center ~ 175 Guests Maximum

