



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

Email Newsletter ~ October 2, 2022

Raptor Show news for this week:

- Astro came out for the first time!
- Benches are still available in the Amphitheater
- Training 3 PM Every Day - Continues - Attendance tops 1,200

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 Coming Out (very soon!)



Just a couple days ago, Astro was comfortable enough to fly to the glove and eat his food. That is a big step since we do not use any equipment to hold our birds. He makes the choice to come and sit.



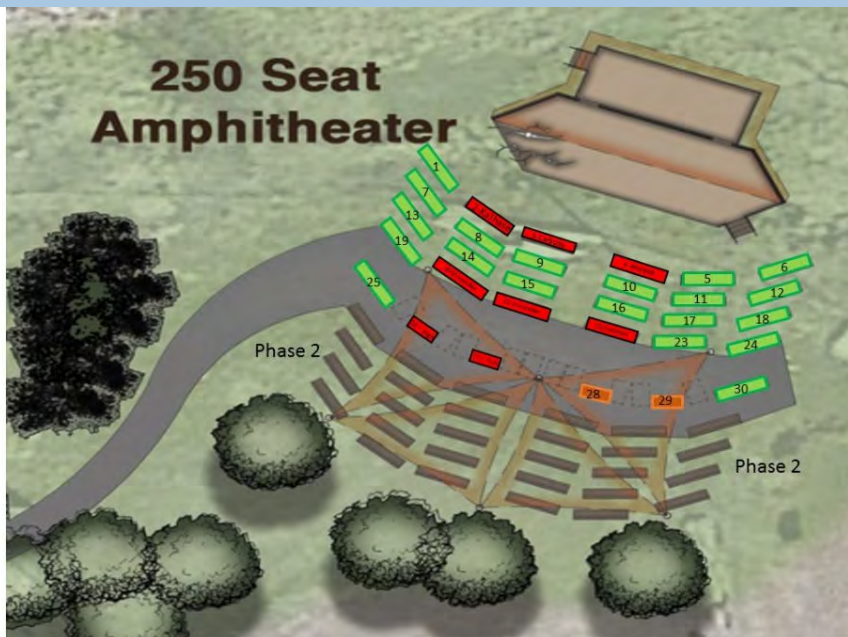
Today we opened his enclosure door and he flew around the netted area. He perched on the big stump and looked around, then returned to his enclosure! Above, Sally Jostes, one of our Board Members, takes a peek.

New Contractor is beginning work - Amphitheater by summer?

Amphitheater Memorial Benches

FOR MY BELOVED WIFE, JOAN DECARTEUR JUN 1931 - JUL 2021

8 ft. Available	\$3,000
6 ft. Available	\$2,500
4 ft. Available	\$2,000
Taken	



Dedication plaques are available now for phase 1 of the new amphitheater seats. Eight have sold already! Now that we have a new contractor, you should see progress every week. The roofing material and trusses are already on site. Email: bench@wmnature.org to reserve yours



FREE Training Shows ~ 3:00 to 4:30 PM Daily (weather permitting)

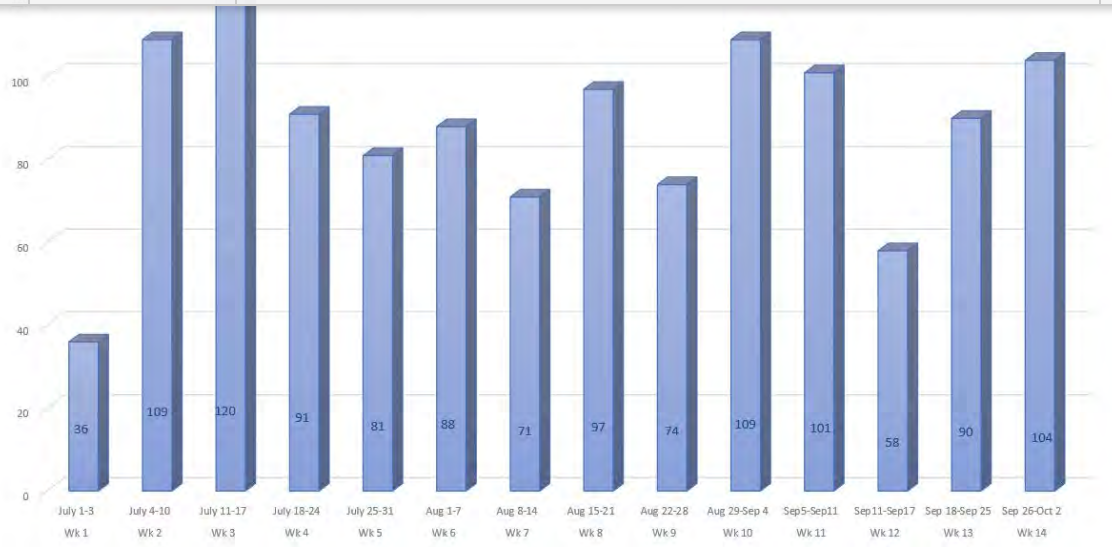
Come see our amazing birds fly and perform natural behaviors on cue. Ask questions about modern "animal choice" training. We had 104 guests this week! Astro is only a week or two away from flying in the training area. Don't miss him! Use the driveway just South of the Nature Center to park next to the Rehab Bldg.

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WE REACHED 1,239 PEOPLE IN 14 WEEKS!



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October 1st Nature Hike - Talk About FUN!



The Nature Hike on October 1st was a blast with a dozen hikers following Gaston and Joanie Porterie around the woods until the Forest Service reported a group of lost hikers nearly an hour later! (top-right picture) Just kidding!

Actually, they weren't lost at all, just enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of the beautiful fall day. Mary Williams cataloged a dozen species of birds. The group also enjoyed some Monarch butterflies hanging out on a yellow rabbitbush. Best of all, they got to see and photograph the Alligator Juniper that local beavers have almost chewed completely through - before its too late!

Annual Tour of the White Mountains Bike Ride Draws 2,000+ attendees, and an assist from some WMNC Board Members



For the Nature Center, it is a fund-raising opportunity as well as a fun event. Above, Jim Snitzer, Adam & Heather Garrard, are serving with Jose and Daniel helping them out! Our volunteers and experienced



servers apply wrist bands and provide draft beer - from the local Pinetop Brewery. Here, one of our Board Members, Larry McCormick, quality checks the beer and food with help from Jashon!

Calling all volunteers! The Nature Center needs you!
We are compiling a list of people who want to help in general tasks at the Center.
Email - john@landonsky.org with what areas you are interested in helping out.

