



Our Mission

To encourage conservation and inspire people to build lifelong connections with nature through immersive outdoor education, citizen science, and wildlife stewardship.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Piedmont Wildlife Center (PWC) is a non-profit environmental organization encouraging conservation and inspiring people to build lifelong connections with nature. One of the primary ways we do this is with our conservation programs that give people the opportunity to meet live wildlife and learn about them and their roles in our ecosystem. For many, meeting our ambassador animals may be their first encounter with wildlife and is an important step in understanding how humans impact wildlife and ways we can preserve and protect them. Additionally, nearly all of our animals are native to North Carolina which helps to familiarize people with their own backyards and encourages them to take pride in their local biodiversity.

The impact these opportunities have is evident in the growing demand for our programs. Each year we share our conservation messages with thousands of people through camps, field trips, tours, school programs, birthday parties, and outreach events.

The continued growth of our conservation programs necessitates other areas of organizational growth as well. We've come a long way in our 20 year history and recently became a USDA licensed facility, but there are many things that still need to be improved.



PROJECT DETAILS

Piedmont Wildlife Center was originally founded as a wildlife rehabilitation organization. As our focus shifted towards education, our on-site temporary enclosures for injured wildlife became home to non-releasable bird ambassadors. Over the years, the walls and roof of these enclosures have deteriorated to the point where they require regular patching to keep them secure and the weakened structures are increasingly vulnerable to heavy storms. With support from our community, Piedmont Wildlife Center has been able to gradually demolish and rebuild the enclosures that house our resident hawks and owls. All that is left now is to rebuild the enclosure for our common raven.

A New Home for Edgar

Edgar was found as an adult in 2014 in Washington State by a hunter who noticed he was unable to walk and brought to him to a wildlife rehab. Upon examination, the rehab discovered that he had been shot 4 times, and survived to tell a tale! He was shot in his right wing, right leg, and chest. Due to this he is unable to fly and thus non-releasable but is still a very active bird who enjoys hopping around his enclosure and rearranging things to his liking.

A new, larger enclosure would give Edgar more space to explore and allow for more enrichment activities which are important for his mental and physical well being.



Next Steps:

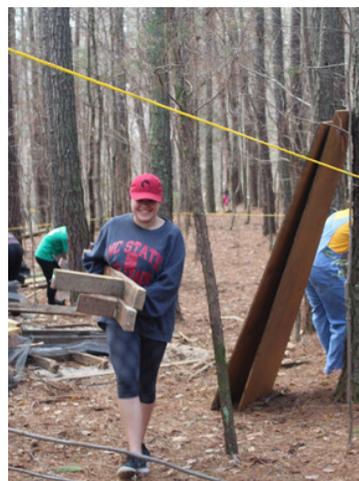
The old enclosure where Edgar's new one will be demolished and we are in the process of leveling the ground and preparing the area to rebuild on top of it. In addition to being sturdier, the new enclosure will be constructed in a style that allows for more light and better drainage.



Example of new enclosure style

Edgar's current enclosure

Building a raptor enclosure takes a lot of work and is a great way to involve our community as well as reach new ones. The process is a very tangible opportunity for people to help our animals and learn more about Piedmont Wildlife Center. Students, local businesses, corporations, as well as past and present PWC members have all had a hand in building the enclosures, and we already have groups interested in helping build Edgar's.



PROJECT BUDGET

ITEM	COST
Lumber	\$2,000
Hardware	\$350
Roofing materials	\$400
Foundation materials	\$400
Enclosure substrate	\$200
Delivery fees	\$225
TOTAL	\$3,575

