

MOUNTAINAIRE AVIAN RESCUE SOCIETY

Welcome!



Welcome!

AGENDA

Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

Presentation:

Bats in Our Community and at Our Hospital

Questions

Intermission: coffee/tea/treats (15 minutes)

MARS AGM

Reports & Questions from the floor

Election of new Board members

AGENDA MARS Annual General Meeting

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Location: Merville Community Hall, 1245 Fenwick Road, Merville

AGM Call to Order and Welcome: Warren Warttig, President

Approval of the Agenda

Minutes of 2024 AGM – Pearl McKenzie, Vice-President

Reports for March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025 Fiscal Year: (supported by PowerPoint Slides)

- President's Report – Warren Warttig
- Rehabilitation Program Report – Megan Erickson
- Financial Report – Nicole Booth
- Fundraising Report – Pearl McKenzie
- Education Program Report – Aaron Schmidt

Questions from Members/Discussion/Motion to accept reports

Election of Directors:

- Nominating Committee Report – Warren Warttig

Adjournment of Annual General Meeting

Overview

(Reporting dates: March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SUPPORT OF WILDLIFE RESCUE

- Hospital expansion completed: better public service, patient intake, donor welcome, staff office space, and kitchen for work experience students
- Fawn ICU: eight bays and full kitchen & laundry
- Underground services across the property: very big, complex job
- Permanent home for Kora, the Common Raven
- A purpose-built shed for refundables return and sorting

CHALLENGES TO MEETING OUR MISSION

- Complexities and costs due to HPAI (AVIAN INFLUENZA)
- Did not receive Canada Summer Job Grant funding in 2024

PLANS & PROJECTS IN THE COMING YEAR

- Complete ambassador flight pen
- Complete bat enclosure to exercise and house bats
- Complete outdoor education pavilion

President's Report

- Warren Warttig, RPBio, MARS President

We are grateful to all our supporters for their contributions. Your donations of money, resources, and time have enabled our programs to thrive.

Local & Provincial Governments

- Province of British Columbia
- Comox Valley Regional District
- Strathcona Regional District

Foundations

- Comox Valley Community Foundation
- The Calgary Foundation.

Bequests & Benefactors

Construction Businesses

- Mark Hargraves of Glacier Pipe
- Uplands Excavation
- United Rentals
- A special thank you to Mark Ponting of Ponting Contracting whose contributions will live on as a legacy.
- Pilon Tool Rentals.
- Progressive Electrical
- RK Septic Contracting



Corporate & Service Groups

- Dr. Fran Dental Care
- Shannon Lawrence Physiotherapy
- Spike Top Cedar Ltd.,
- Rotary Club of Campbell River
- Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, Kinsmen, and Kinettes of Campbell River
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 160
- Provincial Government Employees Community Services Fund

Businesses and Services

- The Team at Uptown Dental
- Tim of Tim's Infotech
- Woofy's
- Outback Nursery
- Wayne, of BC Smoke Shop in Victoria
- Dr. Josh Tollman and the exotics team at the Mahalo Veterinary Hospital in Nanaimo
- BC Ferries
- Pacific Coastal Airlines
- Sealand Aviation
- Shar-Kare Campbell River





Raffle Prizes

- WestJet
- Wickaninnish Inn
- Old House Hotel & Spa

Generous & Creative Humans

- including Chris, Dan and Wendy, Cliff and Wendy, Helga and Terry, and Sharron

Monthly Donors

- 110 monthly donors (up by 14), for steady predictable income of \$3461 monthly

Hands-on Volunteers: 24,687 volunteer hours

- Construction committee members
- International student volunteers
- Volunteers in animal care, tour guiding, ambassador care & handling, pothole filling, invasive plant removal, gift shop, Regional District trails maintenance, sorting bottles and cans...
- Volunteers on committees and on our board of directors

We appreciate every person who drops off food and supplies for our patients, those who bring guests to our Visitor Centre, and the children who donate their birthday money and sell lemonade to raise funds to help wildlife.

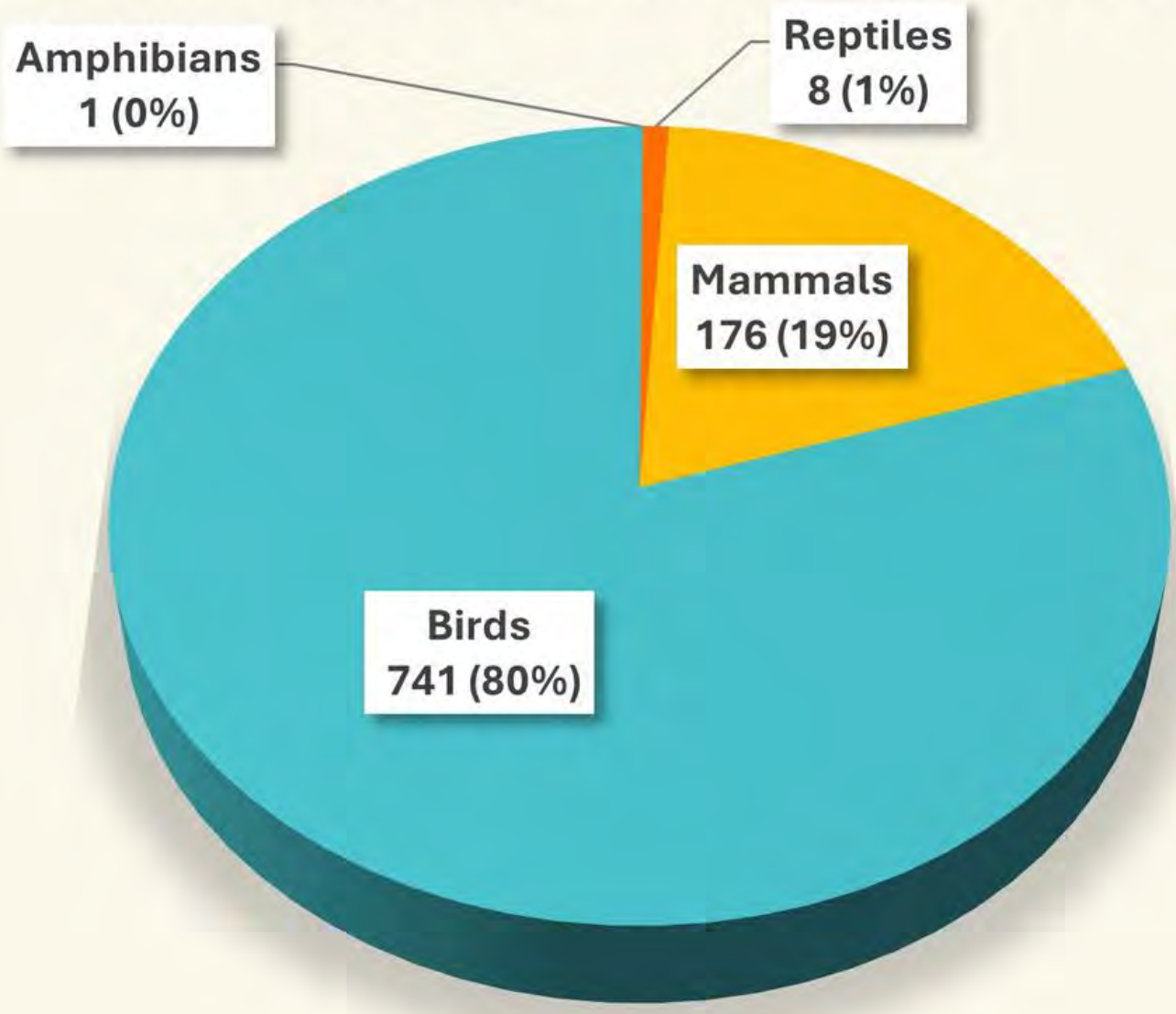
We are grateful!



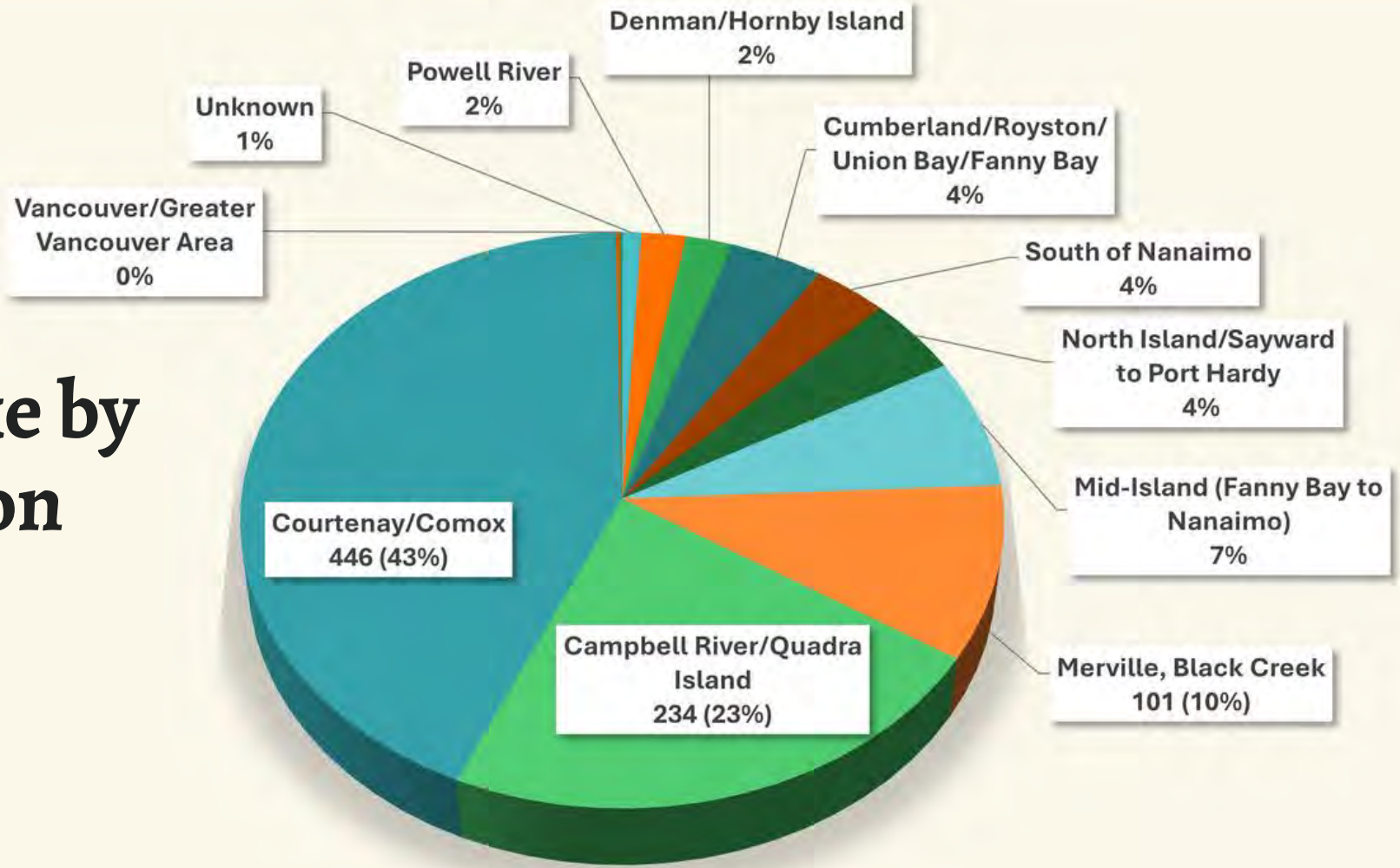
Wildlife Rehabilitation Report

-Megan Erickson, Acting Manager of Wildlife Rehabilitation

2024: 1035 patients in total. Increased 9.5% from 2023.



Intake by Region



Red-Listed Species

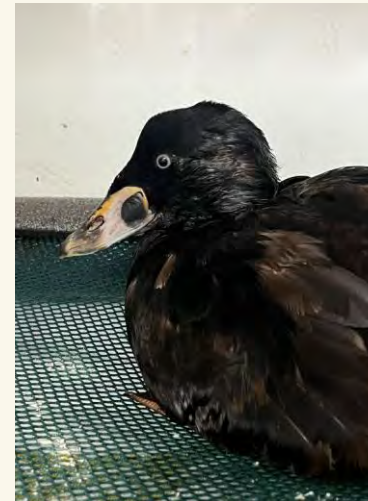
Includes any species or ecosystem that is at risk of being lost (extirpated, endangered or threatened) in British Columbia

- 7 Townsend's Voles
- 1 Common Murre
- 1 Northern Goshawk
- 1 Western Grebe

Blue-Listed Species

Includes any native species considered to be of Special Concern (formerly Vulnerable) in British Columbia.

- 13 Great Blue Heron
- 8 Band-tailed Pigeon
- 7 Barn Swallow
- 3 California Gull
- 2 Townsend's Big-eared Bat
- 2 Red-necked Phalarope
- 2 Long-tailed Duck
- 2 Purple Martin
- 2 Surf Scoter
- 1 Marbled Murrelet



Most Common Avian Patients in 2024

85 American Robin

60 Mallard

46 Bald Eagle

29 Anna's Hummingbird

25 Canada Goose



Most Common Mammalian Patients in 2024

72 Raccoon



30 Black-tailed Deer

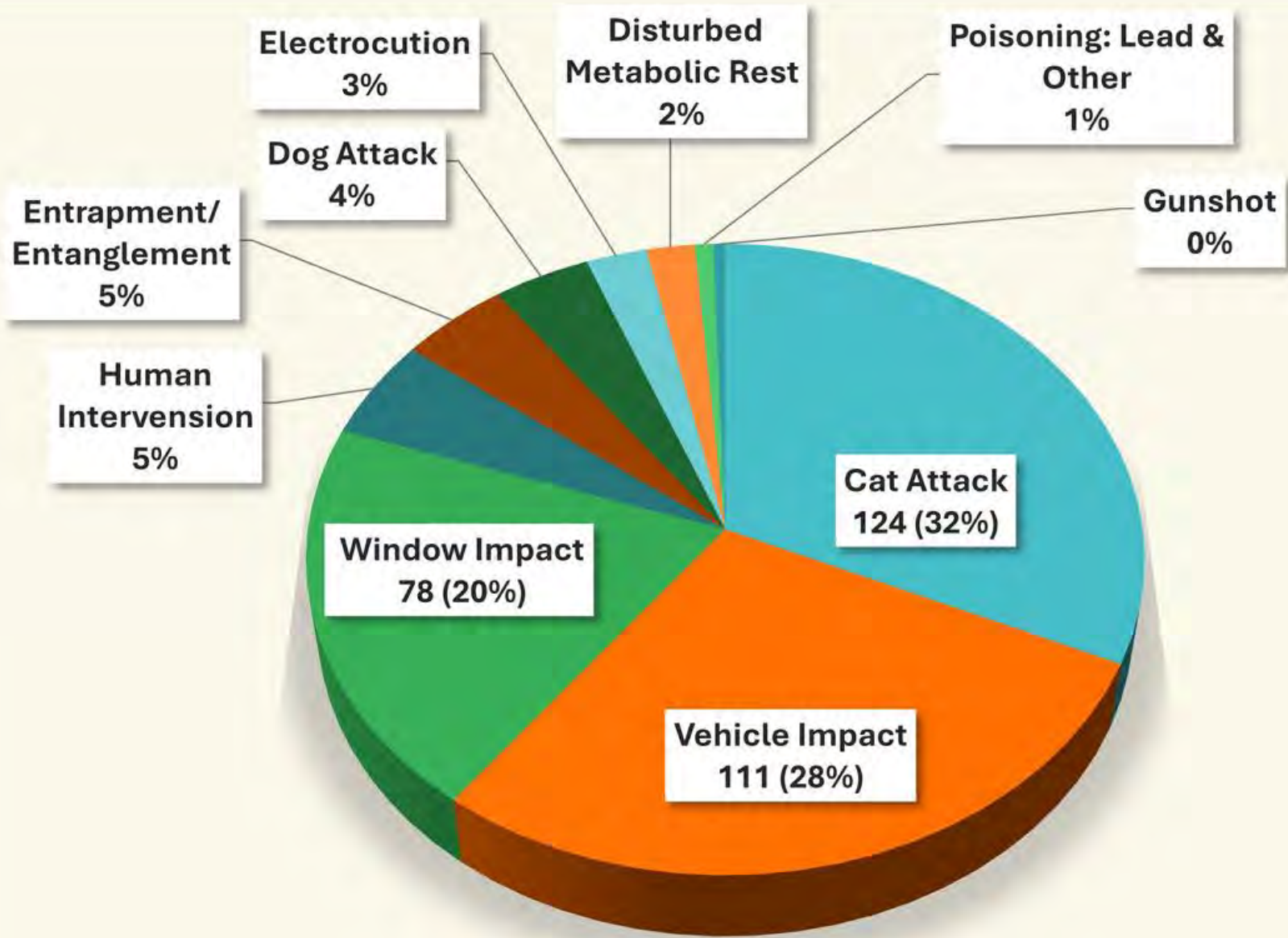


15 Yuma Myotis

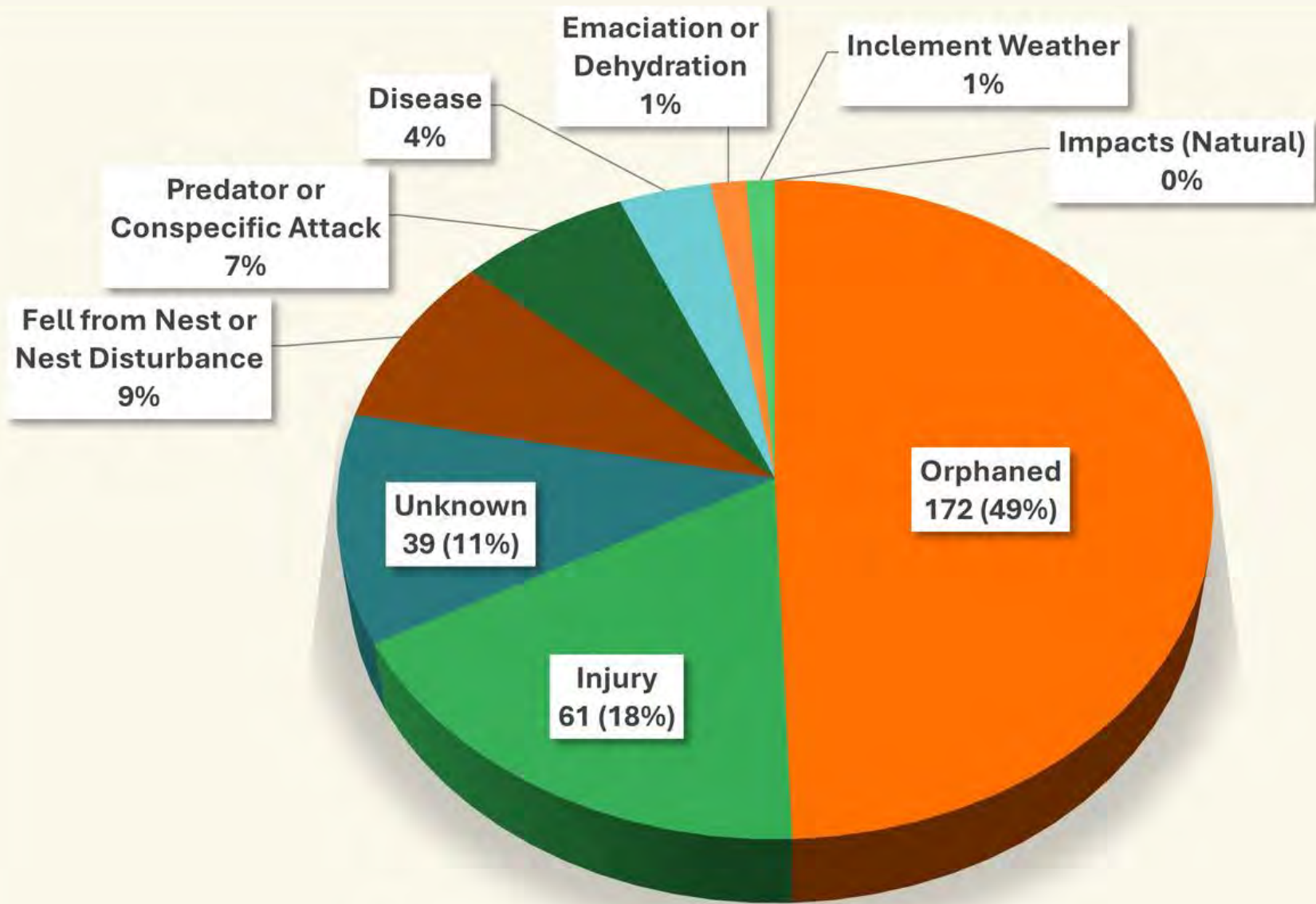


9 Big Brown Bat

9 Red Squirrel



Reasons for Intake (Human Causes)



Reasons for Intake (Natural Causes)

Special thanks to Dr. Josh Tollman and Mahalo Veterinary Hospital team, for their assistance with multiple surgical procedures.







Thank you to our amazing volunteers!



Financial Report

-Nicole Booth, MARS Treasurer

MARS Wildlife Rescue Centre

Fiscal Year Ending
February 28th, 2025

Financial Report



3-Year Financial Result Summary

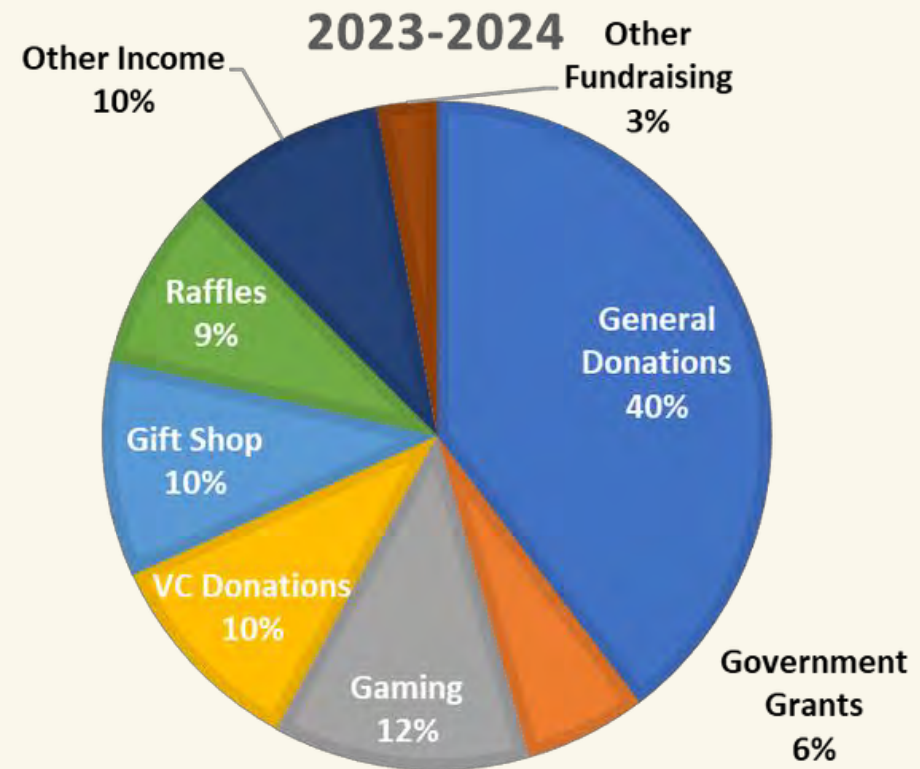
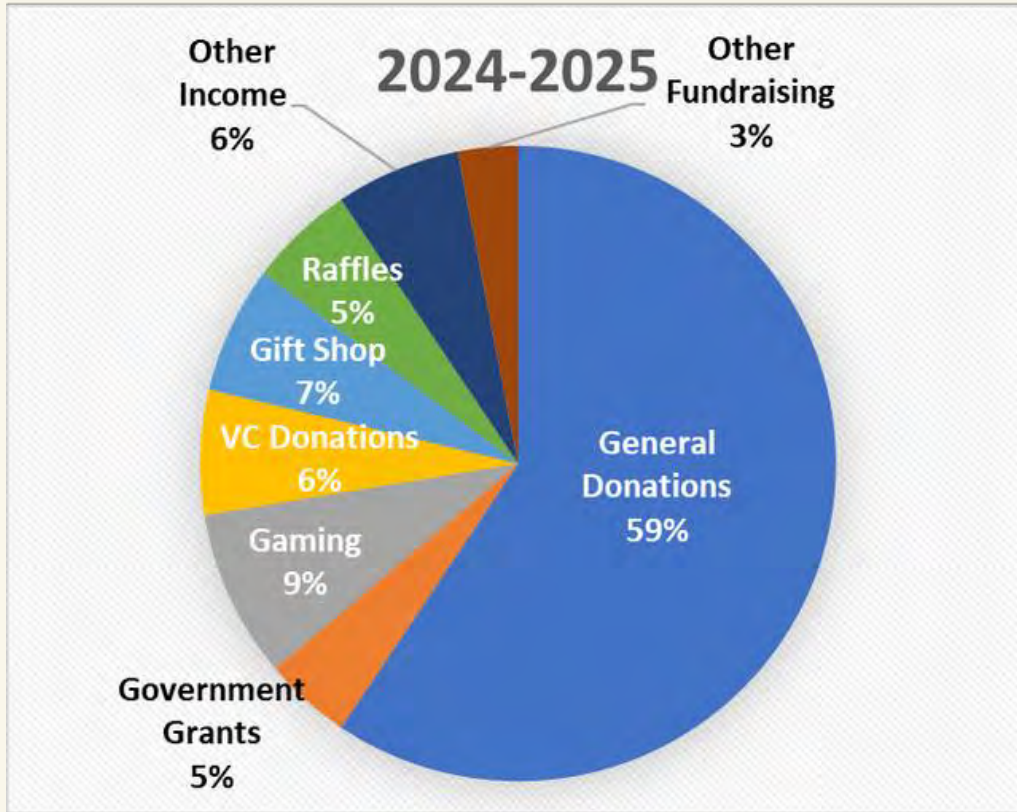
	FY 2024-2025	FY 2023-2024	FY 2022-2023
Total Revenue <small>* not including in-kind and amortization</small>	843,751	523,254	709,107
Total Expenses <small>* not including in-kind and amortization</small>	594,908	523,806	487,674
Net Surplus (Deficit)	248,843	(552)	221,433
Accumulated Surplus (Net Assets) Balance	2,218,992	2,038,722	2,111,064

Revenue Breakdown

	FY 2024-2025		FY 2023-2024		FY 2022-2023	
General Donations	504,910	59.4%	207,604	39.6%	386,302	54.5%
Government Grants	37,788	4.4%	30,791	5.9%	80,261	11.3%
Gaming	72,744	8.6%	65,000	12.4%	65,000	9.2%
Visitor Centre Donations	53,982	6.3%	53,415	10.2%	48,160	6.8%
Gift Shop	55,063	6.5%	54,735	10.5%	42,633	6.0%
Raffles	45,580	5.4%	46,855	9.0%	36,870	5.2%
Other Income	54,064	6.4%	49,689	9.5%	40,155	5.7%
Other Fundraising	<u>25,881</u>	3.0%	<u>15,165</u>	2.9%	<u>9,727</u>	1.4%
TOTAL	850,012		523,254		709,108	
In Kind Labour	493,733		557,440		457,450	

* Other income includes firehall lease, parks contract, membership dues, general income and interest income.

Revenue Breakdown Visualized

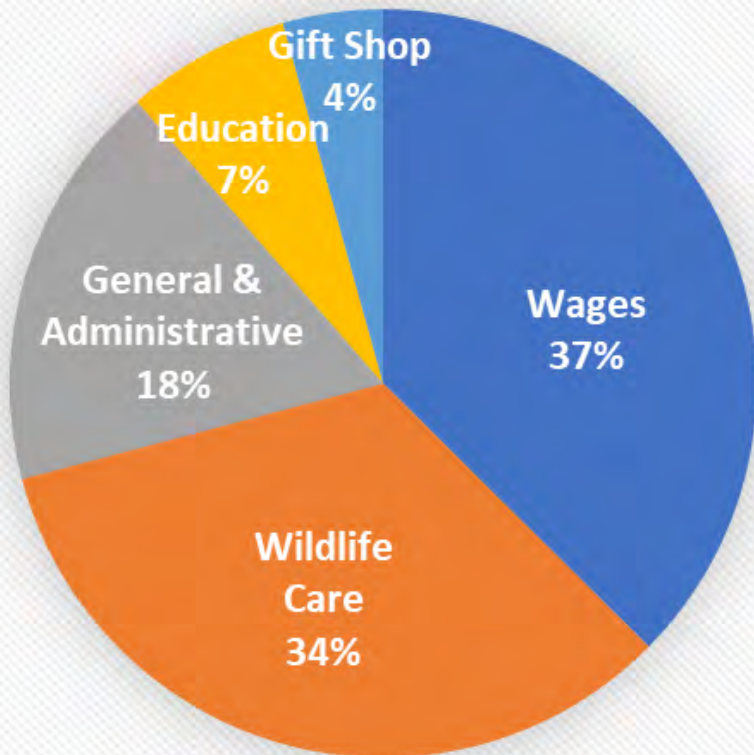


Expense Breakdown

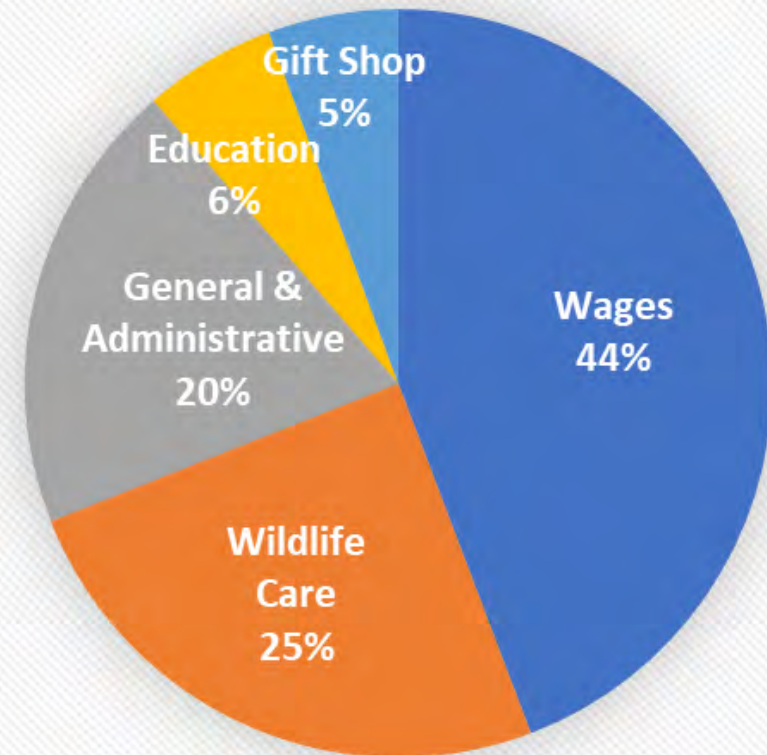
	FY 2024-2025		FY 2023-2024		FY 2022-2023	
Wages	222,624	37.4%	231,634	44.3%	213,206	43.7%
Wildlife Care	199,081	33.4%	129,767	24.8%	123,721	25.4%
General and Administrative	105,185	17.6%	102,893	19.6%	95,614	19.6%
Education	42,243	7.1%	30,029	5.7%	30,419	6.2%
Gift Shop	<u>25,776</u>	4.3%	<u>29,483</u>	5.6%	<u>24,714</u>	5.1%
TOTAL	594,908		523,806		487,674	

Expenses Breakdown Visualized

2024-2025
\$594,908



2023-2024
\$523,806



In-Kind Labour

	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
In kind labour (\$)	\$493,733	\$557,440	\$457,450
In kind labour (hours)	24,686 hours	38,252 hours	22,872 hours
Comparison to full time positions (based on 40 hours x 50 weeks)	12.3 FT positions	19.1 FT positions	11.4 FT positions
Patient Admissions	1035 patients	937 patients	1082 patients
Hours per Patient	23.9 hours per patient	40.8 hours per patient	21.1 hours per patient

MARS Wildlife Rescue Centre relies on the generosity of the community, both in donations of money and goods, but also the donation of time.

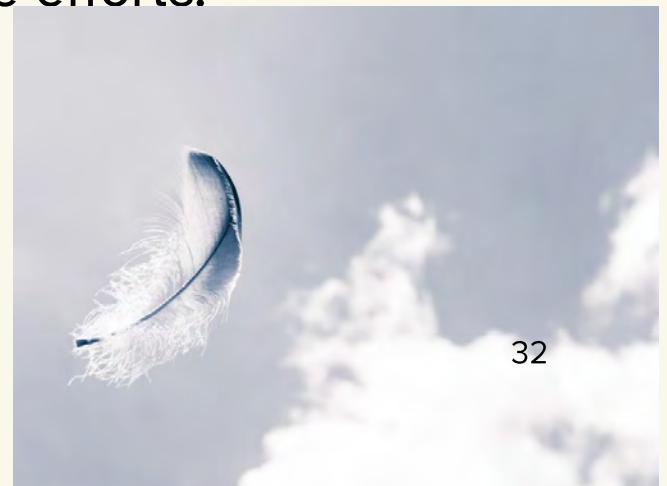


Balance Sheet Overview

	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
ASSETS			
Operating Funds	316,818	207,000	282,723
Restricted Funds	120,315	191,735	377,224
Accounts Receivable	30,497	10,904	5,442
Inventory	<u>9,387</u>	<u>9,190</u>	<u>7,080</u>
Total Current Assets	477,016	418,828	672,469
Capital Assets	<u>2,001,731</u>	<u>1,893,305</u>	<u>1,772,189</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	2,478,747	2,312,134	2,444,658
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	14,320	15,652	14,094
CEBA Loan	0	0	30,000
Prepaid Firehall Lease	4,800	4,800	4,800
CRA, GST & PST Payable	6,207	5,382	6,321
Deferred Contribution	<u>15,397</u>	<u>21,658</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Current Liabilities	40,723	47,492	55,215
CCCU Mortgage	<u>219,035</u>	<u>225,921</u>	<u>278,377</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	259,758	273,412	333,592
TOTAL EQUITY	2,218,989	2,038,722	2,111,066

Value of Donations Linked to MARS Mission

- The MARS Mission is “To conserve and protect native wildlife and its natural habitat through education and rehabilitation”.
- Our purpose is:
 - Rescue, recovery, rehabilitation and release of wildlife
 - Educate the general public about wildlife issues
 - Contribute to the knowledge and understanding of wildlife
 - Conserve and protect wildlife
- Each branch of our organization contributes to the overall mission, incurring expenses along the way. We maintain consistent efforts to identify opportunities to increase efficiency and reduce costs In order to further those efforts.
- Recruiting of volunteers for all aspects of the organization will continue to be part of MARS’ continued growth and expansion (including but not limited to animal care, construction, fundraising, education).



Special Events & Fundraising

-Pearl McKenzie, MARS Vice President





Fridge replacement



Bat-chiller Pad

Two very successful fundraising initiatives, thanks for Facebook & Instagram support



Education & Ambassador Program Report

**-Aaron Schmidt, Education & Volunteer Coordinator,
Ambassador Program Coordinator**



At MARS Wildlife Rescue Visitor Centre

5,200 people taking part in guided tours
(Up 20%)

2000 drop-ins

40 large group tours, including

20 elementary classes--500 children





In the Wider Community

30 + casual & formal presentations in classrooms, seniors' residences, college campuses, for environmental and service groups, and at community events



Nimpkish



Kokish



Marlowe



Hyacinth

Humpty



Lanei



Kora



Horus

By combining hands-on experiences, community partnerships, and inspiring encounters with wildlife, we have continued to build awareness and encourage stewardship of the natural world.



Athena
Patient in 2024

Board Members & Staff

Board of Directors

President: Warren Warttig

Vice President: Pearl McKenzie

Treasurer: Nicole Booth

Secretary: Therisa Lowe

Darlene Banerd

Leona Doig

Lynda Hodgkinson

Robert McLennan

Virginia (Ginny) Simpson

Janet (Jan) Smith

John Turner

Staff (During 2024-2025 Fiscal Year)

Acting Manager of Wildlife Rehabilitation: Megan Erickson*

Wildlife Hospital Volunteer Coordinator: Gyl Andersen

Wildlife Rehabilitators: Melissa Steinkey, Lauren Wigard,
Kayla Williams, Justine Pfeifer

Manager of Visitor Centre: Allison Morrison

Administrator: Laurie Ulm

Education & VC Volunteer Coordinator: Aaron Schmidt*

Ambassador Program Coordinator: Lara Harder /

Meghan Keelan / Aaron Schmidt

* Full-time staff





Thank you to our staff, volunteers, and supporters!



Nomination Report for 2025/26 Board of Directors

Slate of Nominees:

I move to elect the following six people for a two-year term, ending in 2027.

Current directors with terms expiring who have agreed to run again:

Nicole Booth, Lynda Hodgkinson, Therisa Lowe

The following people who will bring new experience and perspectives to our Board:

Candy Dimery, Nicol Garneau, Dianne Pollock

- Candy is much admired for her work as a guide and educator in the visitor centre
- Nicol, who many years ago worked with Maj Birch, our founder, brings additional animal care experience and knowledge to our Board
- Dianne has been an active and productive volunteer with MARS for many years, raising a great deal of money for our work

Secunder?

Any other nominees x3? All those in favour of this motion? All opposed?

At this time, I would like to thank all our board members for their hard work over the past year. I would especially like to thank two members who are leaving the board after serving for many years.

Darlene Banerd & John Turner

I'm happy to tell you that both Darlene and John will continue volunteering with MARS in other roles.

I would like to introduce ongoing Board members, who were elected last year for a two-year term, who will complete their term next year in 2026:

**Leona Doig, Pearl McKenzie, Robert McLennan,
Virginia (Ginny) Simpson, Janet (Jan) Smith, and Warren Warttig.**

*Respectfully submitted,
Warren Warttig, Chair of the Nominating Committee*

Thank you!

