



International Bird Rescue Research Center
Adoption Application

Yes, I want to sponsor the care of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Duckling \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clutch of Ducklings \$75.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Common Murre \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Egret \$50.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron \$150.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron \$50.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Pelican \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pelican Partner \$500.00 | |

I would like the Adopt-a-Wild Animal certificate to honor:

 (If address is different than yours)

Recipient Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Payment Method: Check Enclosed MasterCard Visa

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder Signature _____

Mail to:

IBRRC Adoption Program • 4369 Cordelia Road • Fairfield, CA 94534

Note: You will receive your adoption packet after the bird has been released.

Thank you for your generous support!

Dear Friend of IBRRC,

I'm writing to tell you about a new program we are very excited about, and I hope you will be too.

As you may recall, last summer we received hundreds of starving juvenile brown pelicans. Knowing from past experience each pelican we rehabilitate costs approximately \$200, we decided to initiate an adoption program for this endangered species. The response was immediate and overwhelming. Every pelican in care was adopted and we even had a waiting list. It got us to thinking about the 1,500 orphan ducklings, herons, egrets we raised last year, and the ones already pouring into our centers.

Why do we get so many? Over the last 150 years the valleys of California have lost over 80% of their original wetlands to filling and urban sprawl. Waterfowl are adaptable to certain human actions but require water to survive and raise their young. In urban settings they often mistake landscaped yards and swimming pools as wetlands. Every year increasing numbers of waterfowl find themselves in the hands and yards of humans. Mother ducks leading their babies to water are often hit by cars or attacked by dogs. Others lead their ducklings to swimming pools, where their babies become trapped and then rescued by humans. The frightened mothers fly away. Herons and egrets fall out of nests and land on lawns and in gardens.

Because of our expertise and facilities, IBRRC receives orphans from wildlife centers in surrounding counties. On average each year we raise and release 1,000 orphaned mallard, wood duck and gadwall ducklings, 500 egrets and herons plus a host of other aquatic bird species. It's a lot of mouths to feed!

Our adoption program helps you be a part of this. Please consider adopting one or more of our orphans this year and help pay for their care. Many pelicans were adopted as gifts for birthdays, weddings, births of babies, and in memory of beloved people and pets.

For more information about our adoption program and to download additional adoption forms you may need, please visit our website at www.ibrrc.org. If you need personal help, or have questions, please call 707-207-0380 extension 109.

Sincerely,

Jay Holcomb, Executive Director, IBRRC