

Mountaineire Avian Rescue Society



Friday 13th May; Car Pool departs Filberg Centre 1:30 pm, and returns by 5:30 pm. Car Pool maps will be available at the Registration Desk. **Parking is limited to 4 or 5 cars.** Unfortunately the site has gravel pathways and cannot be considered Wheel chair Accessible. May is Baby Season, and things at the centre can get hectic.

Maximum Participation: 16 is suggested, arriving in 4 or 5 cars please.

Location: 6817 Headquarters Road

What to expect: MARS staff and/or volunteers will tell the visitors about the processes involved with rescuing and rehabilitating wild birds. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet first hand a number of Ambassador Birds, (native owl and hawk species) to discuss their requirements as wild birds and how we strive to provide this for them in captivity.

If the group is interested we can then drive to the new MARS site where we are building a wetland and re-introducing native plants to the area. Photo of baby herons was not credited.

MARS Mission: To conserve and protect native wildlife and its natural habitat through education and rehabilitation.

MARS Objectives: To provide a safe, stress-free environment for wildlife to recover. To contribute to the knowledge and understanding of wildlife by participating in research, and sharing information with wildlife and professional organizations, and the general public through meetings, lectures, displays, workshops, seminars, conferences, reports and publications.

MARS staff and volunteers rescue and rehabilitate approximately 700 – 800 animals per year; including owls, eagles, herons, songbirds and occasionally, mammals.

The intensive care unit (ICU) at the centre and outdoor pens are off limits to the public due to permit restrictions and because wildlife become stressed around people. We endeavour to maintain high standards of care and ethics and to work cooperatively with many related organizations.

We are primarily concerned with treating those animals, which are in distress due to human related activities (e.g. car, cat, oil). Human intervention (picking up fledglings off the ground) is discouraged and return to the parent should be immediate. Where it can be determined, we will not interfere with animals in distress due to natural process (e.g. natural predator/prey interactions).

Web Site for Mountaineire Avian Rescue Society: <http://wingtips.org/>