

the case of most nestling birds reared in a hole in a tree, little is known of the young while they are in the nest."² By 1000 h the following day several young had fledged after much calling. At 1630 the cavity was empty except for one tiny, dead, naked chick.

Since the White-breasted Nuthatch does not leave our area in winter it is delightful to hear its calls and watch its behaviour throughout the entire year.

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HELPING INJURED WILDLIFE

The **Manitoba Wildlife Rehabilitation Organization** has been established to care for injured or orphaned native wildlife, mainly birds and small mammals. The organization has a 5 acre wooded site in Winnipeg, close to both veterinary services and the city zoo, where it hopes to establish a facility for treatment and release. The demand for this type of facility appears to have been increasing over the past few years. Interested people often run into a dead end in trying to find help for injured wildlife where they lack the expertise, equipment for treatment or the facilities to house them. Finding that facilities do exist can only encourage these people to further their interest in wildlife conservation, and will increase the voice supporting programs such as habitat preservation.

Some MWRO members have been dealing with injured or orphaned wildlife for many years. For example Renate Scriven has been caring for injured wild birds since she was 8 years old. During 1985-1986 she and her parents handled "more than 700 birds, including eagles, hawks, owls, herons, gulls, waterfowl and hummingbirds. About 450 of these were eventually released to the wild."

Those who wish to assist in the establishment and operation of this facility should apply for membership in the organization to **Manitoba Wildlife Rehabilitation Organization, P.O. Box 242, Station "C," Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3M 3S7** or telephone **(204) 888-3094**.