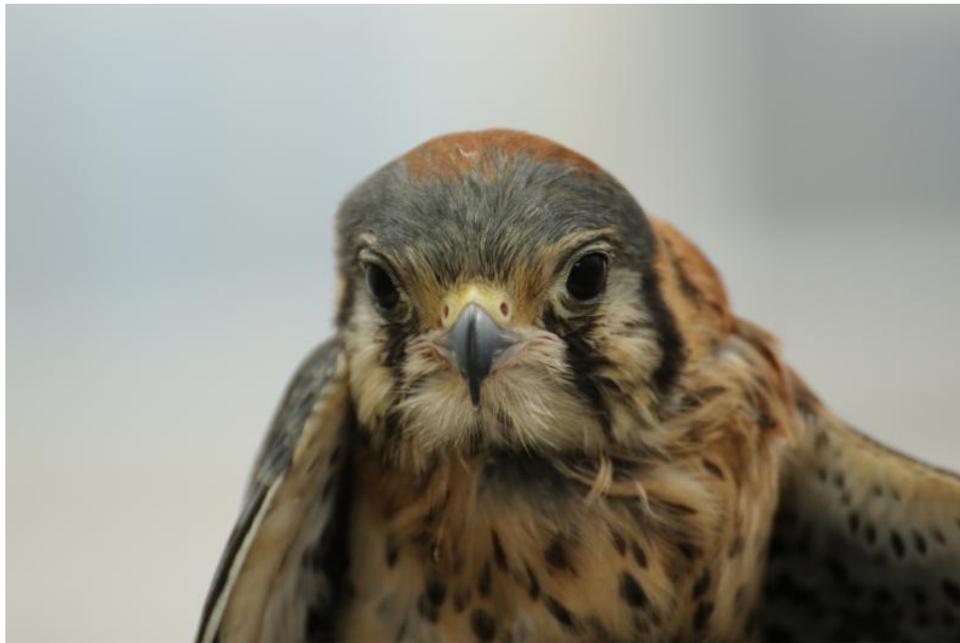




The Bird Rescue Center  
of Sonoma County

## Farewell Baby Bird Season, 2017



This month alone we had over 90 songbird and raptor releases! One of our final releases this month was a male American Kestrel that was brought into the rescue due to a collision with a car. The impact caused severe neurological issues and swelling to the eyes. For weeks this bird had trouble gaining its bearings. Once he started eating on his own, small improvements were seen throughout its rehabilitation process. Becoming more stable, we moved him out into an aviary,

where we discovered that his flying skills were much more impressive than anticipated. Staff and volunteers would see him kiting in his aviaries. (Kiting is a term used to describe a bird hovering in midair, which is based off a group of birds-of-prey called, Kites. Other species that have been known to do this are Bluebirds, Flycatchers and other small birds-of-prey). After the last flight test in our new flight-hall, we decided to move forward with the release of this hardy Kestrel. We were concerned about how his overall flight ability would compensate with a heavy breeze, but once out of the carrier, he took off with the wind and soared above our heads and towards the tree line. One of our volunteers was most thrilled about viewing two female American Kestrels that came to greet him shortly after release. To our delight, they did not harass or try to chase our newly released Kestrel, but instead decided to join a warm thermal which lifted them higher and higher until we lost sight of them behind a hill. What a breathtaking

way to end the month!



## Upcoming events



### Open House

[September 2nd, 2017 - 10am to 1pm](#)  
[October 7th, 2017 - 10am to 1pm](#)



18  
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fun  
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prizes!

Join the fun at the 5th Annual  
**Festival of Feathers!**

**Saturday Sept 23** 11am-3pm  
3430 Chanate Road in Santa Rosa **it's free!**



[Festival of Feathers September 23rd, 2017](#)



## Different ways to support us

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- **Amazon Smile**
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  2. *Fircrest (Sebastopol)*
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