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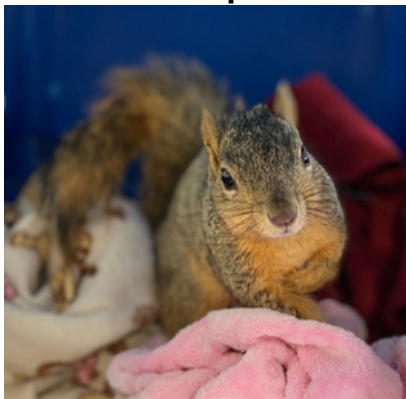
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### The Most Common Species at CWC in 2022

Here at CWC we admitted over 4,100 patients in the last 12 months and saw 161 species of animals come through our doors. For some species we only saw one or two individuals during the year. For example, last year we helped a single Greater Roadrunner, one Marbled Godwit, and a lone Red-breasted Sapsucker. Other animal species we saw in the hundreds. Below you will find the top three most common species we helped at CWC in 2022.

#### Eastern Fox Squirrel



Eastern Fox Squirrels are the most common squirrels that people will encounter in suburban and urban areas. They are opportunistic and will eagerly take advantage of the additional food humans provide with bird feeders, citrus and avocado trees. With squirrels living in close proximity to humans, it is no surprise that they were the most frequent species admitted to CWC in 2022. This past year we cared for over 450 individuals, with the majority of these patients being young orphans.



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### Mourning Dove



Mourning Doves are one of the most abundant bird species in North America, and in 2022 we admitted over 310 of them to our facility. We often saw these patients come through our doors after being attacked by a cat. Adult Mourning Doves spend a lot of time on the ground foraging for food, where they become easy prey for skilled feline predators. We also received a significant number of nestling doves who were orphaned, and young fledglings who were injured after being cat caught.

### Allen's Hummingbird



The third most frequent animal we saw in 2022 were Allen's Hummingbirds. We admitted 284 individuals of this species to our facility during the past year. Adults were often brought to CWC after hitting a window during flight. We also cared for a significant number of orphaned nestling and fledgling hummingbirds in our Orphan Care Unit, who often arrived at our facility after strong winds or rain.

**We were able to help these animals, and thousands more, due to the generosity and support of our donors. Consider making a tax-deductible gift this holiday season to help us continue our life-saving work in 2023!**