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Wisconsin DNR
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Madison, WI 53707

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Trumpeter Swan Recovery Program

Here are some successes this program has experienced since its inception in 1987:

- 385 eggs collected in Alaska from 1989-1997; 356 (92%) hatched
- 388 Trumpeters released to the wild from 1989-2001
- 53 pairs fledged 103 young in 2002
- received the 1997 Regional Conservation Award from the American Zoo and Aquarium Association
- developed a strong team of partners: Milwaukee County Zoo, Zoological Society of Milwaukee County, Windway Capital Corporation, Society for Tympanuchus Cupido Pinnatus, UW-Madison Dept. of Wildlife Ecology, Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, General Electric Medical Systems, Amoco Corporation, Raptor Education Group, Inc., U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and many financial supporters.

The message of the Trumpeters will be repeated each time these wild calls echo across the United States and Canada. As they pass overhead, they will continue to remind us that wildlife's future lies in our own hands. We have choices and solutions.

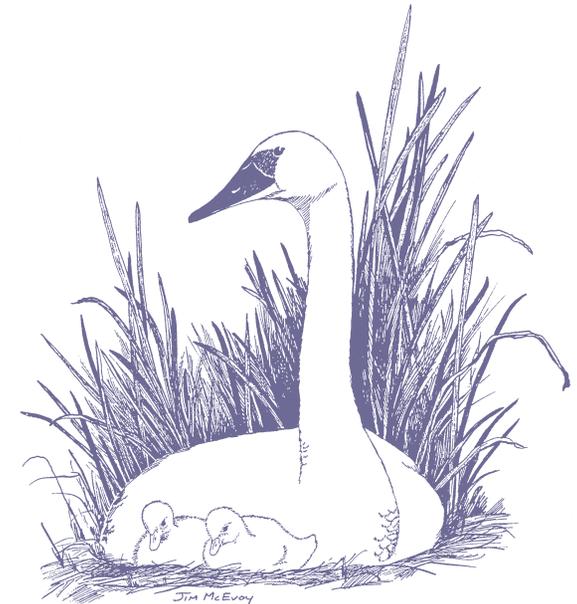
- Ruth Shea, swan biologist

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**A nest egg for Wisconsin's
Trumpeter Swan Recovery Program**

Trumpeter Swans - A History

North America's largest waterfowl, the trumpeter swan, was once a prominent resident of Wisconsin's lakes and marshes.

In 1805, when explorers Lewis and Clark first encountered these large snowy-white birds, they were found throughout most of the northern United States and Canada. By the mid-1930s only 69 trumpeter swans were known to remain in the continental United States.

Market hunting for skins, down, quills, meat, and the fashionable millinery trade of the 1800s brought the trumpeter swan to near extinction.

By the late 1800s, Wisconsin's last known breeding Trumpeters had vanished.

A growing interest in preserving the trumpeter swan has led to full-scale efforts to restore this species to its former range in the Midwest.

In 1987, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with a variety of organizations and individuals, began implementing a trumpeter swan recovery plan for the state.

Following an ambitious program of collecting eggs in Alaska for eight years and raising cygnets in captivity and in the wild, approximately 300 free-flying trumpeter swans now grace Wisconsin wetlands.



Trumpeter Swan Fund

Two essential keys to the success of Wisconsin's Trumpeter Swan Recovery Program are adequate funding and an aware, educated public. The Trumpeter Swan Fund rewards its donors with interesting information they won't find elsewhere, plus a chance to interact with swan biologists in the field.

Donations are used to cover costs of aerial surveys, health checks, other monitoring activities, and public education efforts. By marking (using numbered plastic collars) and monitoring most of Wisconsin's trumpeter swans since 1989, the Wisconsin DNR has compiled the most complete set of information on the ecology and movements of this species that exists anywhere.

*In the glowing firmament
rode the long baseless triangles
of the Swans, sweeping across the upper air
in exalted and unswerving flight, spanning a
continent with the speed of the wind, their forms
glistening like silver in the sunset glow. They
presented the most impressive spectacle
of bird life ever seen in North America.*

- Edward Howe Forbush, 1917

For your generosity....

Here is what's in store for Trumpeter Swan Fund donors:

- **See trumpeter swans in the wild** – your ultimate reward. All donors will receive an invitation to a special field trip with a swan biologist to do just this.
- **Receive progress reports** on Wisconsin's trumpeter swans in September and year-end.
- **Receive information/gifts** for the following contribution levels:
 - \$35 Life Tracks publication on trumpeter swan ecology
 - \$50 Video on Wisconsin's Trumpeter Swan Recovery Program
 - \$100 .. *The Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White, newly illustrated and signed by Fred Marcellino
 - \$250 .. *Swans of the World: In Nature, History, Myth & Art*, by Alice Lindsay Price

