

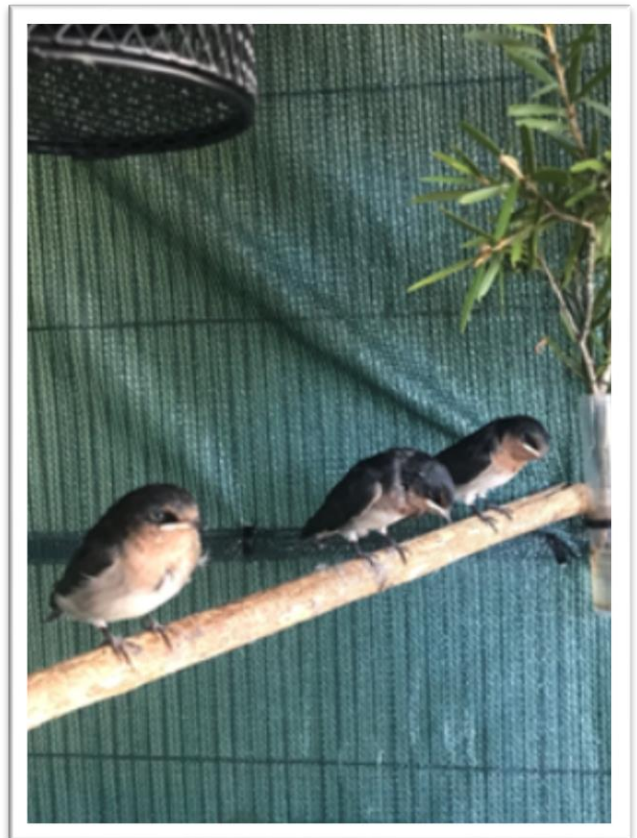
June Marie Kirk, Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers

Last Year I applied for a carer grant from NWC and was successful in being able to purchase a Brinsea TLC50 Zoologica Series II Intensive Care Unit to help rehabilitate newborn and young wildlife in my care as 2 I c Birds for Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers.

This ICU has and will continue to be of great assistance in the care and rehabilitation for our vulnerable native Wildlife. Let me tell you about an example where three welcome swallows were brought to me at a tiny 7 grams. These tiny just pin-feathered babies thrived and grew. The start is always a struggle in maintaining the correct heat, humidity and feeds. The ICU helps take some pressure off in maintaining heat and humidity while we constantly weigh, measure, Feed and clean. The end result was the three not only survived but thrived. On the first sign of fluttering around we wait for feathering to complete then moved to a small inside aviary. Then comes their first lift off. It's time to teach self-feeding. It's just amazing to watch how quickly the fledging arrives. Three weeks old into the flight aviary with live food flying around and they're off.

Other baby birds have made use of the ICU. It gives them a chance they would never have without it. The chances of unfeathered birds surviving outside their natural environment are slim at the best of times and I/We greatly appreciate the generosity of NWC.

Thank you June Marie Kirk



How beautiful is nature. Two days later they're safely released