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Jackson Zoo, along with Rehab Partners, Releases Rehabilitated Red-tailed Hawk into the Wild



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MSU Veterinary Technician student, Chelsea Egbert, and Zoo Vet Tech, Donna Todd, transport a red-tailed hawk from the zoo's raptor rehab program to a secluded place for release back into the wild. The zoo networks with several local permitted rehabbers, vets and wildlife officials in an effort to assist injured and orphaned native birds of prey. The photos show the Red-tailed Hawk surveying its new territory as it is ready to venture back into its natural habitat.

Zoo vet tech, Donna Todd feels great pride as finally, after weeks of care, the adult red-tailed hawk is ready to return to the wild. "How wonderful to see a once flightless bird soar to the tallest tree!" she says.

The zoo has operated its Raptor Rehab program for 30 years from the Zoo hospital. Always with the goal of returning the animal to its natural habitat.

Zoo admission is **\$9.00 for adults**, **\$6.00 for children ages 2-12**, and \$8.10 for senior citizens (65 and over). Children under the age of 2 and Friends of the Zoo members are admitted free of charge.

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The Jackson Zoo is located at 2918 West Capitol Street in Jackson and is open daily from **8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Visit www.jacksonzoo.org to check out exciting special events, animal updates, one-of-a-kind education programs, membership and adoption packages, and so much more. The Jackson Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The AZA is America's leading accrediting organization that sets rigorous, professional standards for zoos and aquariums. The AZA is building North American's largest wildlife conservation movement by engaging and inspiring the 143 million annual visitors to its member institutions and their communities to care about and take action to help protect wildlife.