

News Briefs

Casey's Esbilac Study

Some wildlife rehabbers saw serious GI problems and slow growth when feeding formula made with 'new' Esbilac® powder to wild mammals last year. An extensive report on the causes is posted at www.ewildagain.org. The report includes ideas about preventing or reducing GI problems if rehabbers plan to use Esbilac® powder for wild mammals based on rehab experience and scientific tests. Since wild mammal babies are arriving every day, please get the word to mammal rehabbers who do or might use Esbilac® powder. Put on rehab lists -- and cross post. Email. Call. Facebook. etc. The info can help prevent formula related problems with juvie mammals in rehab!

7000 Mile Nonstop Flights

Biologist Robert E. Gill Jr. was able to implant transmitters in bar-tailed godwits and track flight. The godwits traveled nonstop over 7 nine days — the longest nonstop flight ever. Scientists are finding that other species of birds can accomplish such feats of endurance. <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/25/science>

Climate Change Threatens Bird Populations Reported

For the first time, an Interior Department report adds climate change to other factors threatening bird populations. <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/13/science/earth/13birds.html?emc=eta1>

Maybe Birds Do Smell

An Indiana University Bloomington study of compounds present in the preen oils of Doves found that individuals possess a unique odor. The study suggests "Differences in smell could be affected by behavior, parental care and even contribute to individual identity." (*Behavioral Ecology*, 2010; DOI: [10.1093/beo/abq011](https://doi.org/10.1093/beo/abq011))