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FONDLY REMEMBERING E.M. FAY (EILEEN MARIE FAY) DEPARTED JAN. 22, 2015



Photo courtesy of John Fay
Hepzibah (Cat); Eileen; Enoch; Schnell (peer into the darkness)*

As Eileen's writings were woven throughout the Binocular, we are intertwining her memorial within our newsletter, rather than printing it on one page.

Since 2005, **E.M. Fay** loomed large in the annals of the **Wildlife Watch Binocular**, the publication of **Wildlife Watch**.

Eileen was our investigative reporter, journalist, and good friend. Her interviews with people in the news, whose stories had previously been told without reference to their feelings about wild animals, added a dimension that had not previously been exposed or elaborated upon.

Eileen's appreciation that wild ani-

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TESTING FOR TOXICITY WITHOUT USING ANIMALS ENHANCES ACCURACY

Citizens For Alternatives To Animal Research (CAARE) brought this advanced approach to testing toxic chemicals to our attention. It is based on materials from Vanderbilt University:

In exciting news for ending animal tests, Vanderbilt University and the University of Pittsburgh have announced a new center to test chemicals without using animals.

The Vanderbilt-Pittsburgh Resource for Organotypic Models for Predictive Toxicology, or VPROMPT, will receive \$6 million in federal money for four years to develop toxicity tests based on three-dimensional human cell cultures, rather than the standard combination of flat cell cultures and live animals. The center is part of the EPA's Tox 21 initiative, established in 2008 to reduce reliance on animals for testing chemicals.

According to Vanderbilt the primary goal of the new center is to develop a series of 3-D human cell cultures that are wired with sensors to record how they respond when exposed to potentially toxic chemicals.

... By using human cells, the researchers hope to avoid misleading toxicity results caused by differences in how animal and human cells respond to the same chemical.

U.S. government reports estimate that there are about 80,000 chemicals in general commerce



that have not been adequately tested to determine health risks. But scientists know that animal tests do not provide answers.

"Given the situation we face, traditional toxicology testing procedures are simply inadequate," said M. Shane Hutson, associate professor of physics at Vanderbilt and the lead principal investigator for the project. "A full toxicological evaluation for a single chemical using traditional methods can cost millions of dollars, involve hundreds of test animals and take years to complete. **And, as if the time and cost weren't bad enough, existing tests haven't proven very good at predicting chemicals' effects on humans.**"

To stay in touch with this issue, visit: *Citizens for Alternatives to Animal Research (CAARE), CAARE's mission is to reduce animal suffering by disseminating information about the power and progress of research without animals. Please help CAARE by sharing their message with a friend and liking them on Facebook.* www.facebook.com/caareforanimals

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mals (all animals) are individuals -- not background, not props to lure attention to the environment, not canaries in coal mines, not "species"-- but individuals who had (dare I say "God-given") lives to live for their own purpose and pleasure. E.M. Fay brought that understanding forth in her unforgettable articles over the years, just a few of which are:

Animal Consciousness Recognized by Prominent Scientists

www.wildwatch.org/Binocular/bino29/ANIMALCONSCIOUSNESS.pdf

Mitigation Banking, Spring 2005 -

www.wildwatch.org/Binocular/bino02/mitigation.html

Proposed Global Warming Solution: More Harmful than Helpful to Wildlife, Summer 2005

www.wildwatch.org/Binocular/bino03/binocular-03-lo.pdf

In Hurricanes, What about Animals? Autumn 2005

www.wildwatch.org/Binocular/bino04/binocular_autumn05.pdf

When Wildlife is Caught in the Crossfire, Summer 2006

www.wildwatch.org/Binocular/bino07/binocular08-06i.pdf

Alligators: Guilty Until Proven

Innocent: The Unfair Case Against the Florida Alligator Fall 2006

www.wildwatch.org/Binocular/bino08/binocular11-06.pdf

Vanishing Landscape - Vanishing Life: Perilous Times for Polar Bears, Winter 2007

www.wildwatch.org/Binocular/bino09/binocular02.07.pdf

No Swan Song for the Mutes

www.wildwatch.org/Binocular/bino32/noswansong.pdf

Mayor Stubbs

www.wildwatch.org/Binocular/bino28/alaskaspopulamayor.pdf

www.wildwatch.org/Binocular/bino31/MAYORSTUBBS.pdf

On Fracking and Wildlife

www.wildwatch.org/Binocular/bino31/BinocularFall2013Winter2014.pdf

The Insanity of Hunting Frogs

www.all-creatures.org/cash/cc2008-su-8.html

All of those and more can be found at www.wildwatch.org, just search from the home page.

Eileen's gift for meaningful gab (and she spoke at lightning speed), is well known to her friends, but she was equally known for her keen ability to listen and discern. Eileen asked the right questions, she stayed true to the words of her interviewee, and demanded of herself an accurate interpretation of their responses, although she may not have always agreed with them.

As the editor, I occasionally tried to elicit articles other than what Eileen had intended, but, rightfully, she refused to cooperate. For example, Eileen's love for her son, John, no doubt made for her extreme sensitivity to the mother-child relationship - whether human or non-human. Egg addling or removal caused Eileen psychological and emotional pain. Rationales that they were done to protect the adults, or to provide an economy for otherwise indigent people, didn't work to soothe her feelings. While Eileen had both great identification and empathy with the indigent, the excuses made by those who saw through a glass darkly, fell on deaf ears. Eileen understood the rationale, but disagreed that the behavior should be tolerated, and would never agree that "kidnapping" the eggs of birds or turtles from the mother should be allowed. I'm sure she felt that if the egg is going to be oiled, shaken or removed, it needs to

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EYE ON THE NEWS

At Last! Ringling Bros. to Retire Elephants by 2018



"Arab Shrine Circus, 26 February 1973"

Source: Marion Doss, Flickr

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey have announced that their elephant acts will be phased out of their three touring circuses by 2018.

The decision comes after decades of backlash from animal rights organizations, activists, and the general public. Hundreds of complaints against circuses were filed with the

Department of Agriculture in the last three decades, with

Ringling Brothers as the biggest target. Ringling Brothers currently has 13 elephants in their traveling shows, and another 40 living at their Center for Elephant Conservation in Florida.

A major concern has been the use of bullhooks, long rods with pointed steel ends that resemble fireplace pokers. Circus trainers claim that bullhooks are used for "positive reinforcement", but lawsuits against the use of bullhooks assert that their sharp ends are used to inflict pain and "break in" elephants at an early age, forcing them to submit to the cruelty of their trainers. Bullhooks are most often used on the sensitive parts of the elephant: under the chin, on the face, inside the ears, and even inside the mouth and the anus.

Activists have worked hard to change public opinion of circus elephants through picketing, promoting

circus whistle-blowers, and posting photos and videos online of circus employees treating them harshly.

Kenneth Field, president of Ringling's parent company Field Entertainment, cited both economic and legislative reasons for the change.

Read more at:

<http://ktla.com/2015/03/05/ringling-bros-circus-to-phase-out-elephants-from-shows/>

Alivia Messina



<http://tinyurl.com/photobullhook>

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be with the understanding that the mother is watching her child being ripped from her, and with the knowledge that it was an unconscionable act of cruelty.

Eileen taught me that, as I confess that it was an area of insensitivity. Now I see addling as far more sinister than I used to.

We will always remember Eileen's willingness to tackle stories, to bring the animals out from the shadows and into the foreground, to bestow upon them the individual nature that is rightfully theirs, yet never acknowledged in the publications of the "dominant culture."

We're so grateful for Eileen's contributions to the Binocular, and later to the Courier, over the too few years we've worked together. I'm personally grateful for the understanding Eileen imparted.

Eileen was a fellow traveler: we discussed, laughed, cried, explained, worried, and felt triumphant those few times when animals won the day. Eileen was a friend to the animals and a friend to me. One of my most poignant memories of Eileen was when she stood sentinel over a pair of geese outside of a mall. As she stood guard for weeks, if I needed to get something to her that couldn't be sent electronically, I would have to drive 45 minutes and, while I explained the project, she wouldn't take her eyes off of them. That went on until they stopped going to that location. I was proud of her and relieved that the geese had such a dedicated and loyal protector.

We're grateful that Eileen's son, John, has absorbed much of his mother's world view, while remaining his own person. With genes like that I have more hope for a better future for the animals.

*John wrote that only Schnell is still alive. John is taking care of Tom, Eileen's cat (not in photo), who never left her side.

Wildlife Watch will continue to include **E.M. Fay's** articles and *Eye on the News* pieces in future publications that were previously unpublished for lack of space at the time.

CALLS FOR A NY BAN ON THE IMPORT, POSSESSION, SALE, AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE AFRICAN "BIG 5": ELEPHANTS, LIONS, LEOPARDS, CAPE BUFFALO, AND BLACK AND WHITE RHINOS



Friends of Animals (FOA) drafted the bill that was taken up by **NY Senators Tony Avella** (sponsor) and **George Latimer** (co-sponsor). **Edita Birnkrant, Campaigns Director, for FOA** pointed out that only a complete ban can stem the tide of illegal trafficking caused by the legalization of hunting and capture of the Big Five African Species in some African countries.

Peter Muller, Chair, League of Humane Voters-NY, was among several others who spoke in support of the bill at an April 8th press conference in New York City where the introduction of the bill was announced.

For more information, visit <http://friendsofanimals.org/news/2015/april/foa-drafts-bill-protect-five-african-species>

For Wildlife Lovers To Know About...

WHEN SWANS FLY...

...is a breathtaking video showing swans in all stages of their lives. Phil and Rob Elliott's "When Swans Fly" is also heartbreaking when we realize that the NYS DEC wants to kill most of the mute swans in the state. Please contact **Wildlife Watch** if you would like to help stop it.



Please view the video here www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGydyKnP_QE

FRIENDS BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER



Photo Courtesy of Preston Friedman

R.O.C.K. - Rehabbers Offer Care and Kindness

Wildlife Rehabilitators are aware of the many perils facing individual wild animals in their daily existence. Some can be avoided by personal steps that we can take - others need to be dealt with through education or lobbying efforts.

Wildlife rehabilitators are **licensed by state game agencies, yet they are given no support**, and they are **not allowed to charge for their "services"** (really a labor of love). Sadly, animals often come to the attention of rehab-

bers when they are found by people who either don't want them near their house or don't know how to help them. When the DEC's, DNR's or police are called, they normally recommend killing or letting the animals die; and most veterinarians cannot take time from their busy schedules. **Wildlife rehabbers are among the most noble people on Earth.**

FOX WOOD WILDLIFE RESCUE Elise Able, Founder



Photo by Elise Able

An untold number of wild animals starved to death in the northeast's interminably long winter. As you've

already read, the ground was covered with ice and snow for months, causing starvation for animals who survive on small rodents and winter grasses. Even now, in early April, there are still large swaths of snow over the ground, mixed in with the broken limbs of trees that couldn't bear the ever-increasing weight of the snow turned ice. Elise reported today that there's almost no ground to

be seen yet in her Western New York, Buffalo area

This baby opossum was found by **Elise Able of Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue** in Buffalo, NY, emaciated and close to death. Here he is at Elise's home, bundled up in the latest fashion for cold possums (warm fluffy towels of varying colors), getting his strength back with soup and other hearty meals before being released in the spring.

A HUMANE WAY TO KEEP SMALL MAMMALS AWAY

As Elise rehabilitates coyotes, she can provide an **ethical source of coyote urine** to people who are trying keep

skunks and other animals away from their home. **The scent of a predator often does the trick for ridding attics, garages or below sheds, of smaller animals who've moved in temporarily.** Please visit the sites below to see more about the subject and how to order Elise's coyote urine-saturated cloths.

To learn more about the excellent work that **Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue** does as one of the few coyote and fox rehabilitation facilities in NY, please visit:

www.facebook.com/pages/Fox-Wood-Wildlife-Rescue-Inc/140252331913?ref=ts

Or the website:

<http://foxwoodrehab.typepad.com/>

IN MEMORY OF ASLAN 1996 - Dec., 2014

KING OF THE JUNGLE AND A BOY WHO WILL REMAIN IN OUR HEARTS

For our Wildlife Watch readers who



Aslan in his younger glory - photo courtesy of Wildcat Sanctuary

were with us in 2006, you will certainly recall Wildlife Watch's rescue of seven large cats from the Catskill Game Farm. We were alerted to their plight by

Barbara Larson who had been a compassionate caretaker of the animals there for about 30 years.

We are reprinting a summarized version of his obituary with permission of the **Wildcat Sanctuary**. To read more detail and to see more photos and video, visit:

www.wildcatsanctuary.org/residents/big-cats/lions/aslan/

Tammy Thies, Founder and Executive Director wrote:

It was an unseasonably warm winter day. The snow was thawing and patches of grass appeared all throughout sanctuary. The sun was shining.

Aslan was spending the morning doing what he loved most - napping in between his girls Asha and Shanti Deva. They were curled up in a patch of exposed grass soaking in the sun's rays. Asha was snug on his left side and Shanti was a few feet away on his right. This is what he always lived for. This is what we spent the past six months ensuring he received.

The vet and I approached the enclosure during our morning rounds. Aslan was a special part of everyone's routine so we could monitor his health closely.

Six months ago he was diagnosed with serious and chronic hepatitis of the liver. We made the decision to provide treatment as long as he could remain with his pride and be pain free.

Today, I was looking at Aslan who now had a very blonde and thinning mane - a side effect from some of his medications. This was quite the contrast from the full and dark mane he had in his younger years. His body was now that of an aged cat. But he was enjoying this day to the fullest. He was still the king of our sanctuary. Some even referred to him as the "tree of life" - a symbol of magnificent beauty and existence.

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We had seen a steady decline and knew his time was limited. But we did not think it would end today. The pride was together and seemed more connected than ever. As I observed the lions blissfully in the sun with their eyes closed, I asked that Aslan give us a sign when it was time to let go. But for now, he would get to spend a peaceful day with the pride.

Shortly after I left the sanctuary that afternoon, Aslan had a serious seizure. As the caretakers rushed to the enclosure, Shanti Deva and Asha were trying to coax him up and were nudging and pushing him. When the seizure subsided, all three of them were coaxed into their indoor building.

Aslan had given us the sign. It was time to let him go with dignity. The seizures would only get worse and his body would only deteriorate. He deserved to leave the sanctuary as king, the same way he arrived.

-Aslan will be deeply missed but always be a part of The Wildcat Sanctuary.

- Aslan's Story as told by The Wildcat Sanctuary -



The lions enjoy a summer roll in the grass

Aslan and two lionesses were part of a big cat rescue from the Catskill Game Farm in New York. With the closure of their animal park, the Game Farm auctioned off 950 animals and made east coast and national headlines.

Many worried that some of the animals would wind up in the hands of unscrupulous dealers, or that animals, such as deer or goats, would go to people who run 'canned shoot' operations where hunters pay to shoot fenced-in animals. It is described as one of the largest animal rescues of its type. **Wildlife Watch** intervened on behalf of the three lions to ensure a safer fate through placement at TWS.

Update:

Of the seven large cats who went to

The Wildcat Sanctuary. Four are still living.

To see **Mia** and **Max's** memorial statements, visit:

www.wildcatsanctuary.org/mia-the-cougar-meets-max-at-the-rainbow-bridge/

www.wildcatsanctuary.org/residents/small-cats/cougars/max/

www.wildcatsanctuary.org/mia-in-memory/

You can read more about their history as Wildlife Watch knew it by going to www.wildwatch.org and searching "African lions."

Please support the excellent work of **The Wildcat Sanctuary**. They not only give refuge to exotic cats but they speak out strongly against the exotic pet trade. Visit their site at:

www.wildcatsanctuary.org/



Aslan in his elder years

EYE ON THE NEWS

AUSTRALIA BANS THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF LION TROPHIES



Australia has banned the import and export of lion trophies in an effort to protect them from unethical hunting practices in Africa. Environmental Minister Greg Hunt made the announcement last week at the Global March for Lions in Melbourne, following a campaign to ban trophies lead by MP Jason Wood.

According to the Department of the Environment, the measure was introduced in response to growing public

concern about canned hunting, or "captive hunting," where lions and other big game animals are bred specifically to be killed in an enclosure where they have no opportunity to escape.

Many of these lions come from outfits that allow tourists to play with and help hand-raise them as cubs under the guise of conservation, only to turn them over to canned hunting facilities after they're too big to safely handle.

"It is cruel. It is barbaric. And this is something that I, along with many other Australians, feel very strongly about. We want this horrific practice to be a thing of the past. These new rules mean that if you go overseas and engage in the

appalling act of canned hunting, you can forget about bringing your lion trophies back to Australia. You don't deserve the right to celebrate the slaughter of these amazing creatures," Hunt said in a statement.

The new measure went into effect immediately and means no one will be allowed to import or export lion bodies, or any of their parts. Under the maximum penalties for wildlife trafficking, violators could potentially get 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$170,000 for individuals and up to \$850,000 for corporations.

For further information, please visit:

www.theecologist.org/blogs_and_comments/comments/2806457/canned_hunting_is_not_protecting_wild_lions.html

Spring is on the way

CAN'T WEEDS JUST BE APPRECIATED? ...

If you don't think so...

Wildlife Watch received a call from a member who told us that Monsanto's product Roundup was about to be used by landscapers on the grounds of her apartment complex in Florida. She feared for the wildlife (and human residents) and asked if there was anything to replace Roundup for those who felt the need to kill "weeds."

After a brief search, this amazing "product" popped onto my screen: H2O!!!! **Yes, HOT H2O!!**

The application may have to be repeated several times if the boiling water doesn't kill the roots, but only the leaves. The recommendation is to clip the stem prior so that the hot water can better penetrate to the roots.

In case that's too labor intensive, the following product touts itself as a non-toxic alternative to Roundup.

<http://www.biconet.com/lawn/burnout.html>



BURNOUT II*

They say their ingredients are the following:
 Clove Oil 8%, Citric Acid 24% Other
 Ingredients: Mineral oil (USP), Water, Gum
 Arabic Total Other 68%

Wow! Looks almost good enough to make a smoothie!

It's certainly a lot better than Roundup's notorious glyphosate, which has been cited as a "probable" cause of cancer by the World Health Organization.

http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/jsass/glyphosate_linked_to_cancer_-_html

*Wildlife Watch does not make recommendations of products and suggests researching them prior to use. As Burnout II advertises that it's used by botanical gardens (without stating which ones), we are waiting to hear back from a couple of them to see if this product is used, why, and how it is liked.

Please see "Weed Killer 'Castrates' Male Frogs" below

[Editor's Note: Likely atrazine and glyphosate, and thousands of other chemicals that we are all exposed to daily, were deemed safe due to toxicology testing on animals, so kudos to the Vanderbilt-Pittsburgh Resource for Organotypic Models for Predictive Toxicology for their progressive approach to testing.]

EYE ON THE NEWS

WEED KILLER "CASTRATES" MALE FROGS.



Photo by Tyrone B. Hayes

Just when you thought that you knew all about the ill-effects of herbicides and other "icides," and thought that things couldn't get worse, this comes along!

Research has shown that Atrazine, only second to glyphosate in the popularity of its use, chemically "castrates" male frogs and turns them into females.

An atrazine-induced female frog (a genetic male) is shown (bottom) copulating with an unexposed male sibling. This union produced viable eggs and larvae that survived to metamorphosis and adulthood. Yet, because both animals were genetic males, the offspring were all males. (Tyrone Hayes photo)

<http://newscenter.berkeley.edu/2010/03/01/frogs/>

The 2010 research suggests that this chemical

could be the cause of amphibian declines globally. Yet the chemical is *still* legal in the US.

The UC Berkeley research by **Dr. Tyrone B. Hayes**, a biologist and herpetologist, was published in the journal of **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.**

www.pnas.org/content/107/10/4612.abstract?sid=f15c0efc-569b-490c-80da-f2da8f143ab2

The research has been challenged by Syngenta, the company that produces and sells atrazine, but it remains in serious question. See this important 2014 article in *The New Yorker* www.newyorker.com/magazine/2014/02/10/a-valuable-reputation which exposes the fact that the EPA places financial concerns over environmental health:

A study by the Environmental Protection Agency found that without atrazine the national corn yield would fall by six per cent, creating an annual loss of nearly two billion dollars. But the herbicide degrades slowly in soil and often washes into streams and lakes, where it doesn't readily dissolve. Atrazine is one of the most common contaminants of drinking water; an estimated thirty million Americans are exposed to trace amounts of the chemical.

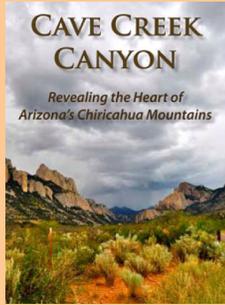
Isn't it time that health, environment, ecology, and individual animals are put above the finances of corporations?

Let's Go Wildlife Watching

Follow Me to Cave Creek Canyon

BY ALIVIA MESSINA

Cave Creek Canyon is a must-see if you suddenly find yourself in Southeastern Arizona. You will want to know that it is internationally known for its 370 species of birds, 60 species of butterflies, over 20 varieties of mammals, and a score of magnificent plant species. Cave Creek Canyon features breathtaking views from its cliffs, a lush riparian (on the bank of a river) forest, and lots of caves to



To learn more, please visit:
www.friendsofcavecreekcanyon.com

explore.

Avid bird-watchers visit Cave Creek Canyon for its wide variety of warblers, songbirds, and flycatchers. It is the best place in the United States to see a surprising number of owls, including elf, whiskered screech, great horned, and Mexican spotted owls. Also, it is a home to the striking Elegant Trogons, who are reliant upon woodpeckers to excavate holes in trees where they place their nests.

Cave Creek Canyon is also home to mammals, such as Mexican fox squirrels, javelina, coatimundi, black-tailed rattlesnakes, green rattlesnakes, rock rattlesnakes, and Clark's and Yarrow's spiny lizards, who live in Cave Creek

Canyon's desert arroyos (gullies carved by water).

Cave Creek Canyon is the location of several archaeological sites, and it is the American Museum of Natural History's Southwest Research Site. Visit: <http://research.amnh.org/swrs/>

The site also features the South Fork Zoological Botanical Center and a visitor center that provides trail and interpretive information.



Elegant Trogon

WILDLIFE WATCH NEEDS YOU!

Wildlife Watch needs your help more than ever to continue providing our vital services for helping injured and orphaned wildlife. In addition to our national hotline, Wildlife Watch lobbies for wildlife protection bills, does pick-ups locally, and contributes to local rehabbers for their care of the babies we bring to them. Through our publication, the **Wildlife Watch Binocular**, Wildlife Watch emphasizes the unique spirit of individual animals and promotes wildlife watching as a means of spiritually and ethically relating to other beings, and as an enhancement of the enjoyment of life.

Will you become a part of our team?

YES

<http://wildwatch.org/join/join.htm>

IKEA NOW HAS VEGAN SWEDISH MEATBALLS!

Vegans won't have to suffer from hunger pangs while shopping at Ikea. The Swedish furniture store is now offering vegan meatballs in their stores.

If you are vegan, you know how it felt to see everyone around you enjoying the Swedish meatballs that Ikea is famous for. That was the case until horsemeat was discovered in their meatballs.

PETA took advantage of the bad publicity and shocked public to con-



vince the furniture company to put out a meatless meatball.

Now, we can all enjoy Ikea even more.

"Vegan snacks spare animals suffering and benefit human health, which earns Ikea a round of applause from us!" PETA wrote in a blog post.

The meatless meatballs will be available at Ikea stores starting in April.

vtaylor@nydailynews.com

Wildlife Watch was told that the side dishes will be vegan, too!

INTERNATIONAL RACCOON APPRECIATION DAY Every October 1st



Leave it to our raccoon-loving rehabber friends to bring this important day to our attention.

Why is it important? Because it shows many people like raccoons! Any wildlife rehabilitator who cares for

raccoons will tell you that these guys are really adorable to watch and enjoy. As with all wild animals, it's best to keep a respectful distance, but there's no harm in learning more about them and enjoying watching them.

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Wildlife Watch Launches Video Series: THE MUTE SWANS OF NYS ARE IN DANGER

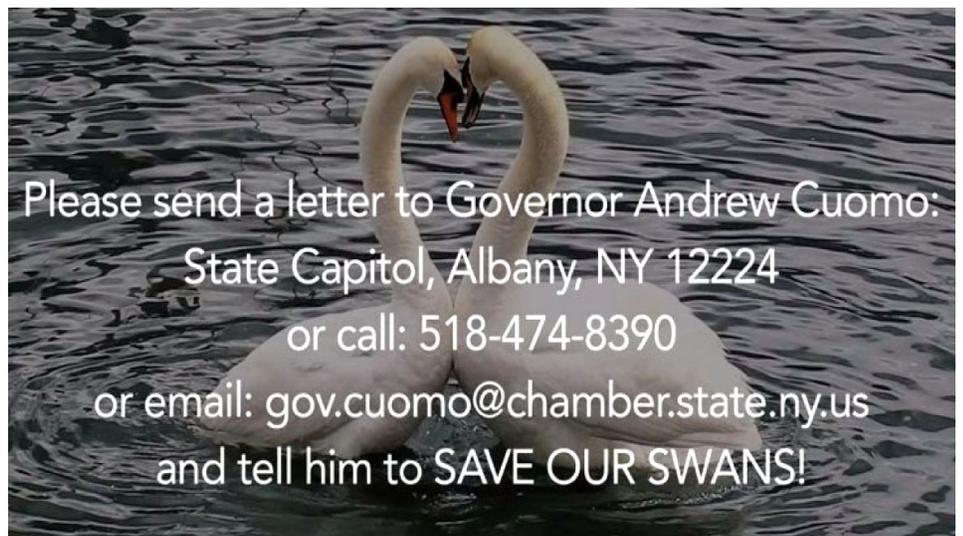
The video below is the first in a video series produced by **Wildlife Watch** to promote Wildlife Watching in NYS. We thank the **Regal Swan Foundation** www.facebook.com/pages/The-Regal-Swan-Foundation-Inc/128553688262 for

allowing us to use their beautiful footage; we also thank **Danielle Trumbull** for her excellent narration; and we thank **Alex Hovat** for her lovely videography.

Sadly and frighteningly, the NYS DEC wants to kill most of the mute swans in the

state. Please become involved to stop it. You can contact Wildlife Watch at wildwatch@verizon.net for more information.

Please watch the video at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=og-YNppmdV4
and take action:



Please send a letter to Governor Andrew Cuomo:
State Capitol, Albany, NY 12224
or call: 518-474-8390
or email: gov.cuomo@chamber.state.ny.us
and tell him to **SAVE OUR SWANS!**