

Rebecca Lessard Bio

Rebecca Lessard is an internationally respected expert in the field of raptor rehabilitation and education. For the past 34 years, she has dedicated her life to birds of prey, taking in injured birds, rehabilitating them, and whenever possible releasing them back into the wild. In 2001, she founded Wings of Wonder, a 501(C)3 non-profit organization located in Empire, MI, for this purpose.

In Rebecca's hometown of Minneapolis, MN, Rebecca's mother was the go-to person for injured or orphaned wild animals. So, Rebecca's formative years were enriched with wildlife encounters. This inspired her to obtain a B.S. degree in Biology from Bemidji State University in Northern Minnesota and to work a variety of mammal research jobs after graduation.

In 1988, she and her husband Don gathered up their two young children and moved to northern Michigan. A few years later, she had her first interaction with an injured Red Tailed Hawk and it was this experience that forever changed her life direction.