

## Gavin McKellar

Have you ever wondered about all of the different things you can do to help wildlife in San Diego? If you're like our volunteer, Gavin McKellar, you'll find them.

Gavin moved here with his wife from Scotland and joined Project Wildlife in 2007. Since then he has found a way to do anything and everything that needs to be done to help our native wildlife. He doesn't care if it's hard work behind the scenes or being out in the community if there's a need, he simply takes care of it.

We sometimes refer to him as the volunteer extraordinaire because Gavin is always ready to do whatever the animals need. In a single day he may do a difficult rescue, transport animals after a hard day's work, put in time at our Care Center and spend his free time at home building and organizing caging and supplies for our rehabilitators. On weekends you can find him working as the leader of the Cage building team, hauling materials and gathering a work crew to build a beautiful new pen for our wildlife patients. But even while the sun's still up he will make time after work or in the middle of a work day on a lunch break, to happily drive to where a skilled rescuer is needed and MacGyver his way through obstacles to get to an animal in need.

There isn't a rehabilitation team of volunteers that doesn't know and love Gavin for all that he does to support their animals. It doesn't matter to him if it's a baby songbird or an injured raccoon. If they need him, he's there and if it's a tough job, it's always Gavin we call for assistance or even just some level headed advice on exactly how to get the job done. Even the staff will playfully fight over who gets Gavin next for a job.

We often worry about the amount of time we may be stealing away from Gavin's wife but they assure us that when she's at work this is the best way to keep him out of trouble. I'm not sure that wrestling with a Peregrine Falcon is keeping him out of trouble but we do our best to take care of our volunteer extraordinaire and return him home safely.