



When oil spills, workers hurry to clean the land and water. But oil spills can also affect every animal that lives in the area. Who helps these wild animals? On the East Coast, a team from Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research rushes to the scene to save as many as possible. Follow along to learn how these experts capture oiled animals and treat them quickly and safely so that they may be returned to the wild. This illustrated nonfiction is based on the extensive experience of the Oiled Wildlife Response Team at Tri-State.

## There is more to this story

You can learn more about how oil spills happen, and how Tri-State Bird Rescue steps in to help the wildlife in the book's "For Creative Minds" section. Check out a bit of our interview with Tri-State Executive Director Lisa Smith!

### *How often do you rescue oiled animals?*

We never know when oil spills will occur or if animals will be affected, so we remain ready all of the time.

### *What was the biggest spill that you've been involved in?*

The 2010 spill in the Gulf of Mexico. We set up treatment centers in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. We cared for over 2,000 birds. Brown Pelicans were the most common patient.



Read the entire interview and more on the book's home page through the teaching activity guide, quizzes and oodles of educational extras!

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