

Bird Facts

Strictly For The Birds

(NAPSA)—Did you know that over 85 percent of injuries to pelicans result from discarded fishing lines and hooks?

The Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary, located between St. Petersburg and Clearwater in Indian Shores, is a nonprofit rescue mission and refuge for more than 500 wild birds.



The Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary in the St. Petersburg/Clearwater area of Florida has become home to more than 40 different species.

Renowned among thousands of bird-watchers, wildlife artists and researchers, it began in 1971 when Ralph Heath spotted an injured cormorant and carried it to a veterinarian friend who helped him nurse it back to health. News spread fast about Florida's new "bird doctor" and within days other patients arrived.

Today the Sanctuary cares for more than 10,000 injured birds. Many birds are brought to the center and some just seem to arrive there, as if they knew where to go for help.

For more information on Florida's Beach, call (877) FL-BEACH (352-3224) or visit www.FloridasBeach.com. To learn about "adopting" a bird, visit www.seabirdsanctuary.org.