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Impact of volunteers monitoring plastic pollution and wildlife on science, society and nature

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Mute swan (*Cygnus olor*)

Period

June – September 2013

Cause of admission

Orphaned and entangled

History

While her parents were swimming with her brothers and sisters, this young cygnet became entangled in fishing line. As the day went on, the family had to move on, leaving her behind. Passers-by alerted the wildlife rescue volunteers, who freed her. An attempt to reunite her with her family failed because the parents no longer recognised their own offspring.

Outcome

Together with several other orphaned cygnets, she was raised in a swan nursery. Every day she could eat and swim as much as she wanted. By September she had grown big and strong. She was released, along with her companions, in a beautiful wetland area.

Source

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