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Recipients of the **E. Alexander Bergstrom Memorial Research Awards** for 1986 are:

- CRAIG BERMAN, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, Tactics of intraspecific brood parasitism in the House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*, \$150.
- C. RAY CHANDLER, BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY, Individual variation in foraging behavior of Black-capped Chickadees *Parus atricapillus*, \$250.
- JENNIFER CLARKE, WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, White-tailed Ptarmigan in the Sierra Nevada Mountains: a comparative study of an introduced population, \$200.
- CHERI L. GRATTO, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA, Endocrinological analysis of sandpiper social systems, \$200.
- CAROLA HAAS, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Site fidelity and dispersal of birds in a patchy environment, \$150.
- PAUL HENDRICKS, WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, Evolution of monogamy in Aleutian Rosy Finches *Leucosticte arctoa griseonucha*, \$200.
- GEOFFREY HILL, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, The reproductive consequences of subadult plumage in male Black-headed Grosbeaks, \$200.
- NANCY LEDERER, BOULDER, COLORADO, Nesting status of Golden Eagles in the northern Front Range of Colorado, \$200.
- PAUL MAYER, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA, Population ecology of the Piping Plover in the Northern Great Plains, \$200.
- MARA McDONALD, SAVANNAH RIVER ECOLOGY LAB, The evolution and biology of Hispaniolan Palm Tanagers, genus *Phaenicophilus*, \$200.
- DAVID MORIMOTO, BOSTON UNIVERSITY, Avian community structure in the pine barrens of southeastern Massachusetts, \$100.
- TERRY PLANTIER, FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY, A study of possible advantages of early and later nesting in Sooty Terns (*Sterna fuscata*), \$200.
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The North American Bluebird Society is proud to announce the presentation of the third annual research grant awards. The 1986 recipients are:

- Bluebird Grant.**—ANTHONY J. SAVERENO: Movements and habitat use of juvenile Eastern Bluebirds.
R. CRAIG HENSLEY: Predation of Eastern Bluebird nests by black rat snakes based on nestbox location.
- General Grant.**—JEFFREY R. WATERS: A comparative and experimental study of the nesting habitat of a cavity-nesting bird community.
GREGG ZUBERBIER: Effects of blowfly *Protocalliphora* sp. larvae on nestling passerines in both laboratory and natural environments.
BARRY A. BERMUDEZ: Development of a House Sparrow/Starling-proof nest box design that is acceptable to native cavity nesters.
- Student Grant.**—KAREN J. WILSON: Validating a Pileated Woodpecker habitat suitability index model for the northern Rocky Mountains.

The North American Bluebird Society annually provides research grants-in-aid for ornithological research directed toward cavity-nesting species of North America with emphasis on the genus *Sialia*. Presently three annual grants of single or multiple awards totalling \$5000 are awarded and include:

- Bluebird Research Grant.**—Available to student, professional, or individual researchers for a suitable research project focused on any of the three species of bluebird from the genus *Sialia*.
- General Research Grant.**—Available to student, professional, or individual researchers for a suitable research project focused on a North American cavity-nesting species.
- Student Research Grant.**—Available to full-time college or university students for a suitable research project focused on a North American cavity-nesting species.

Further guidelines and application materials are available upon request from THEODORE W. GUTZKE, *Research Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 121, Kenmare, North Dakota 58746*. Completed applications must be received by **December 1, 1986**; decisions will be announced by January 15, 1987.

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The **NORTH AMERICAN LOON FUND (NALF)** announces the availability of two grant programs for support of new or current research, management, or education projects that may yield useful information for Common Loon conservation in North America.

The first of these programs, the Robert J. Lurtsema Research Award, consists of a \$1000 stipend available annually for a suitable research project focused on a member of the Family Gaviidae. Preference will be given to students and independent researchers with limited availability of other funding.

The second program offers modest grants in support of research, management, or educational projects directly related to the conservation of Common Loons as a breeding species. Proposals in the range of \$500 to \$3000 are most likely to be considered for funding.

Further guidelines for prospective applicants are available upon request from the NALF Grants Committee. Deadline for submission of proposals is **January 31, 1987**. Funding awards will be announced by March 15th.

Please submit guideline requests to:

*North American Loon Fund Grants Committee
North American Loon Fund
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artificial burrows thus may be employed in long-term studies, where habitat damage and efficiency in the field are of concern.

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THE ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS (formerly NEBBA) will hold its annual meeting 1-3 **May 1987** at the Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Housing and the Saturday program will be at the Arnot Forest Facility. The theme of the meeting will be Monitoring Bird Populations. The featured speakers will be Steve and Evelyn Kress, and Charles Walcott. For information on the meeting contact SCOTT SUTCLIFFE, *Chairman, Local Committee AFO, Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 (607-255-4288)*. For information on the scientific program contact WILLIAM E. DAVIS, JR., *Chairman Program Committee, College of Basic Studies, Boston University, 871 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215 (617-353-2886)*.

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