
News, Notes, Comments

NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBIRD SOCIETY 1996 RESEARCH AWARDS

The North American Bluebird Society is pleased to announce the results of its 12th annual research grant program. The following individuals are recipients of the 1996 research awards.

BLUEBIRD GRANTS

Kristina M. Hannam, University of Miami
Title: Effects of Blowfly Ectoparasites on Eastern Bluebird Reproductive Success

STUDENT GRANTS

Karl E. Miller, University of Florida
Title: Nest-site Selection and Reproductive Success of Secondary Cavity Nesting Birds in Thinned and Unthinned Slash Pine Forests in Florida

Paul Doherty, Ohio State University
Title: Metapopulation Dynamics of a Permanent Resident Forest-dwelling Bird Species within a Fragmented Landscape: Empirical Data and Dynamic Programming Models

Elena V. Pravosudova, Ohio State University
Title: The Effect of Forest Fragmentation on Social Structure of the Tufted Titmouse

GENERAL GRANTS

Dr. Archibald McCallum, College of Charleston
Title: Reproductive Performance of Flammulated Owls in the Jemez Mountains, New Mexico

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The North American Bluebird Society announces the eleventh annual grants in aid for ornithological research directed toward cavity-nesting species of North America with emphasis on the genus

Sialia. Presently, three grants of single or multiple awards are awarded and include:

BLUEBIRD RESEARCH GRANT: Available to student, professional, or individual researcher for a research project focused on any of the three species of bluebird in the genus *Sialia*.

GENERAL RESEARCH GRANT: Available to student, professional, or individual researcher for a research project focused on any North American cavity-nesting species.

STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT: Available to full-time college or university students for a research project focused on any North American cavity-nesting species.

Further guidelines and application materials are available upon request from:

Kevin L. Berner
Research Committee Chairman
College of Agriculture and Technology
State University of New York
Cobleskill, NY 12043

Completed applications must be received by 1 December 1996; funding decisions will be announced by 15 January 1997.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

RING-BILLED GULLS (*Larus delawarensis*) were color-banded on Four Brothers Islands, Lake Champlain, New York. Each wears an incoloy metal FWS band on the left leg and a numbered (1-500) yellow color band on the right; another 500 received only metal bands. The color-banding is in cooperation with the NYC DEP and part of a filtration avoidance plan for city reservoirs.

Please send observations, with color band number if possible, to wildlife manager John M. C. Peterson, High Peaks Audubon Society, Inc., RR 1, Box 230, Elizabethtown, NY 12932-9721, or call collect (518)873-2052.