

Your Trust at Work: AAS Trust Report

The Trust met virtually on April 27. Trust Treasurer Barry Haas reminded us that fall 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the Trust. We'll plan some sort of celebration to coincide with the Society's meeting. In the meantime, **please help us meet our 50th anniversary goal of building the Endowment-Memorial Fund to \$200k.** We are about \$11k from that goal. Investment income from this fund is what we use to give grants. The larger the fund, the more money we can give to worthy research, education, and conservation projects. Contributions can be sent to: Barry Haas, Treasurer, P.O. Box 242088, Little Rock, AR 72223.

For the spring 2021 session the Trustees granted nine awards totaling \$5,983.

- Caitlin De Bellis (M.S., ASU) sized up \$600 to investigate whether bird body sizes are changing with climate change.
- Michael Deutsch (M.S., UCA) collared \$450 to test how Collared Lizards affect their prey.
- Emily Field (M.S., ASU) was given a healthy dose of \$400 to better understand snake immune response.
- Cayce Guy (M.S., ASU) waded into \$520 for studying waterbirds on rice fields.
- Jackson Holsted and his fellow undergrads at SAU are swimming in \$1,175 for the first look at alligator reproductive ecology in Arkansas.
- Sam Little's (M.S., UCA) proposal to study Sweetgum response to fire is heating up with \$500.
- Jackson Renfroe's (M.S., UCA) bee phenology project was pollinated with \$250.
- Dr. Virginie Rolland (Professor, ASU) will use \$1,056 to give an undergrad valuable research experience helping her investigate how February's deep freeze affected bluebirds.
- Alexander Worm (Ph.D., ASU) caught \$1,032 to understand the genetics of Scissor-tailed Flycatcher x Western Kingbird hybrids. He is also this season's recipient of the Max Parker Award for outstanding ornithological research in Arkansas.

My thanks to Dr. Than Boves, Lynn Christie, Susan Hardin, Dr. Ragupathy Kannan, and Samantha Scheiman for reviewing the proposals. Susan's term is up and a replacement is needed. Contact me if interested.

Dan Scheiman, Chair
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