

AAS Trust Report

I am delighted to announce that Christine Cash of Hot Springs Village has agreed to serve as the new Trust Treasurer. I cannot thank Barry Haas enough for his 25 years of service to the Trust. Chris will transition into the position this fall. For now, contributions can be sent to: Barry Haas, Treasurer, P.O. Box 242088, Little Rock, AR 72223.

Thanks to the rebuild of the Society's website, I was able to update the Trust's section to include nearly every grant made since the beginning – nearly \$207k since 1973. Check it out! <https://arbirds.org/Trust>. Browse all the awards by taxon or year.

To celebrate the people and projects supported over the decades, this fall we'll recognize the **Trust's 50th anniversary!** Look forward to the newsletter and the Society's fall meeting being dedicated to the Trust. You'll learn about its history and hear from past grantees and trustees. You'll have no doubt that your donations have made a difference in the lives of young researchers and the systems they study.

The Trust met virtually on May 4. For the spring 2022 session the Trustees granted seven awards totaling \$4,141.60.

- David Adams (B.S., UCA) was boosted with \$691.60 to investigate whether fire suppression influences lizard immunity; we were impressed by the quality of the project pursued by an undergraduate.
- Michael Deutsch (M.S., UCA) snatched \$300 to examine how the loss of Collared Lizards affects the fitness of their prey, the Prairie Lizard.
- Brandon Dunnahoo (M.S., ASU) was chucked \$1,170 to learn more about the full annual lifecycle of Chuck-will's-widows.
- Gemma Keegan (M.S., ATU) consumed \$480 to see how forest management affects the insect prey of Ozark Big-eared Bats.
- Anneka Lamb (M.S., ASU) flew off with \$800 to track bats roosting in culverts.
- Kristi Patterson (M.S., ATU) fluttered away with \$450 to learn about the life history of Georgia Satyrs.
- Tanner Senti (M.S., UCA) ingested \$250 to look at how Prairie Lizard prey selection changes to meet their nutritional needs during the course of the breeding season.

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Dan Scheiman, Chair
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