

AAS FALL 2023 TRUST REPORT

6 October 2023

It is my honor to take over as Chair of the Trust following the wonderful leadership of Dr. Dan Scheiman, who stepped down after more than a decade serving the Trust.

The Trust met virtually on 5 October 2023. For the Fall 2023 session, the Trustees granted seven awards totaling \$6,560.

- David Adams (B.S., UCA) was awarded \$800 for studying the thermal landscape of Eastern Collared Lizards in Arkansas glades.
- Paige Brewer (M.S., ASU) was given \$660 to continue her study on Common Ground Doves and their lice.
- Brandon Dunnahoo (M.S., ASU) made \$1,500 to continue his satellite telemetry investigations on Chuckwill's Widow movements.
- Natalie Haydt (Ph.D, ASU) was awarded \$700 for snake fungal disease surveillance in Arkansas.
- Jacob Miranda (M.S., ASU) bagged \$1,500 for the Boves lab's second attempt at capturing female Cerulean Warblers to investigate their movements.
- Brooke Prater (M.S., UNT) netted \$800 to capture and study foraging and roosting in American Kestrels in Texas.
- Jennifer Terry (Ph.D., ASU) won her 2nd trust grant, this time for \$600, to continue her work on physiology of wild Red-eared Sliders.

I thank Dr. Than Boves, Lynn Christie, Dr. Maureen McClung, and Cherrie-Lee Phillip for reviewing the proposals, and Chris Cash, AAST Treasurer, for keeping the trust finances in order. Maureen is a new and welcome addition to the trust. I also express a deep appreciation to Dr. Dan Scheiman for his service to the trust, the society, and the ornithology of Arkansas, as he and Samantha head off to Wisconsin for new ventures.

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Ragupathy Kannan, Chair
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