

## **AAS FALL 2024 TRUST REPORT**

31 October 2024

The Trust met virtually on 23 October 2024. For the Fall 2024 session, the Trustees granted seven awards totaling \$4,719.20.

- Ella Bollinger (M.S., ATU) was awarded \$949.20 to study the influence of biting insects on nestling bluebirds
- Ethan Saffle (M.S., ASU) was awarded \$900 to research conspecific attraction of Cerulean Warblers
- Nora Hines (Ph.D., ASU) was awarded \$600 to improve our understanding of host-parasite interactions using cardinals and lice
- Brian Okwiri (Ph.D, ASU) was awarded \$800 to produce a reference genome for the Rocky Shiner
- Lark Sybrant (M.S., ATU) was awarded \$430 to continue her study of Ozark Big-eared Bats and their diet
- Zach Campell (Ph.D, ASU) was awarded \$620 to explore historical hybridization between Coyotes and Red Wolves
- Mitchell Pruitt (Bird Conservancy of the Ozarks) was provided \$420 to continue his work on movements of cryptic owls during their non-breeding seasons

I thank Lynn Christie, Lynn Foster, Dr. Maureen McClung, and Cherrie-Lee Phillip for reviewing the proposals, and Chris Cash, AAST Treasurer, for keeping the trust finances in order. Note: I am serving as Interim Chair of the Trust as Ragupathy Kannan is on sabbatical in Malaysia.



Than Boves, Interim Chair  
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