

Project Title - Bird ID by Kids

Project Description – The Springbrook Conservation Education Center serves approx. 15,000 participants per year with one of the most popular activities being the banding of song birds. During this class the staff catch birds utilizing a mist net, bring the bird inside to gather biological information (species, gender, age), band the bird, and record data. While we are accomplishing the scientific part we are education the students on anatomy, migration, and basic bird facts/biology. The students have the opportunity to see the birds' ear, skin, and listen to the heartbeat. To say the least the students and accompanying parents/teachers gain a whole new appreciation/understanding of birds, while the scientific community conducts research.

This project funded the acquisition of new bird identification books, mainly the Kaufman Field Guides for student use. We teach them how to identify birds using the Kaufman guide, which they can do at home. This was greatly needed because our old Golden Guides were missing many of the needed pages.

Project Goals-

- 1) To increase student awareness, knowledge and appreciation of birds
- 2) To better serve bird research through banding efforts

Project Impact-

Much of the impact of this project is unseen because the students stay at the facility for such a short period of time. But I know the program:

- 1) Makes many people aware that songbirds are protected, making it illegal to shoot them.
- 2) Increases band returns, by explaining the process. Many people think they have done something illegal when they harvest or find a bird with a band.
- 3) Raises awareness and appreciation of birds.
- 4) Increases the number of feeders and the amount of time students spend watching a feeder.

Budget – We purchased the following books to use during educational programs:

Birds of North America: A Guide to Field Identification (Golden Field Guide Series), Chandler S. Robbins, et al \$10.85 x 1

The Stokes field guide to the birds of North America (Stokes Field Guides), Donald Stokes, Lillian Stokes 16.49 x 1

The Sibley Guide to Birds, David Allen Sibley 24.06 x 1

National Geographic Field Guide to the birds of North America, Sixth Edition, Jon L Dunn, Jonathan Alderfer 16.83 x 1

Kaufman Field Guide to the birds of North America, Kenn Kaufman, et al

12.89 x 1

3.79 x 21

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Identification Guide to North American Birds, Part 1: Columbidae to Ploceidae, Peter Pyle

59.48 x 1

The Warbler Guide, Tom Stephenson 23.45 x 1

Kaufman Field Guide to Advanced Birding, Kaufman Field Guides, Kaufman, Kenn 15.09 x 1

Shipping 7.95, 3.99, 83.79, 83.79, 4.98

Total Books 338.32

Total Shipping+ 184.50

Total 522.82