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# News, Notes, Comments

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## 1997 NABS RESEARCH AWARDS

The North American Bluebird Society is pleased to announce the results of its 13<sup>th</sup> annual research grants' program. The following individuals are recipients of the 1997 research awards:

### BLUEBIRD GRANTS

*Dr. William Ehmann*, Trinity College  
Title: Improving Confidence in Predictors of Nest Box Choice: A Study of Eastern Bluebirds in Rural Virginia

### STUDENT GRANTS

*Jeffrey Davis*, University of Tulsa  
Title: Costs and Benefits of Group-living in Purple Martins

*David Arsenault*, University of Nevada, Reno  
Title: The Flammulated Owl in New Mexico: Effective Dispersal and Conservation of Fragmented Populations

*Pamela Freeman*, North Dakota State University  
Title: The Use of Individual Voice Identification in Censusing of Barred Owls

*Larry Wood*, University of Memphis  
Title: Densities and Turnover Rates of Cavities and Their Effect on the Breeding Biology of the Prothonotary Warbler

### GENERAL GRANTS

*Dr. Frederick Gehlbach*, Baylor University  
Title: Life History and Ecology of Three Syntopic Screech-Owls Potentially Influenced by Ecotourism and Suburbanization

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## NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBIRD SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS - 1998

The North American Bluebird Society announces the eleventh annual grants in aid for ornithological research directed toward cavity-nesting species of North America with emphasis on the genus *Sialia*. Presently, three grants of single or multiple awards are awarded and include:

### *Bluebird Research Grant*

Available to student, professional, or individual researcher for a research project focused on any of the three species of bluebird in the genus *Sialia*.

### *General Research Grant*

Available to student, professional, or individual researcher for a research project focused on any North American cavity-nesting species.

### *Student Research Grant*

Available to full-time college or university students for a research project focused on any North American cavity-nesting species.

Further guidelines and application materials are available upon request from:

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Research Committee Chairman  
College of Agriculture and Technology  
State University of New York  
Cobleskill, New York 12043

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Completed applications must be received by December 1, 1997; funding decisions will be announced by January 15, 1998.

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## MOUNTIAN PLOVER INFORMATION

Denver Audubon Society and Colorado Bird Observatory are gathering information on Mountain Plover, a possible candidate for the Endangered Species List.

If you have information on Mountain Plovers during breeding, migration (especially August-November) or wintering seasons, please send you data to:

Plover Steering Committee  
17480 E. Nichols Place  
Aurora CO 80016