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EBBA's Memorial Grant Awards

Robert G. Sagar, Memorial Grant Committee Chairperson, reports on the two selected applicants who received EBBA's Memorial Grant Awards for 1997:

Valerie A. Weiss, Williamsburg, VA, for her project, *"Finding a safe and effective color-marking strategy for Brown-headed Nuthatches and other species with short tarsi."* This is part of a study to determine the severity and causes of population declines.

Jennifer M. Arnold, Boston, MA, for her study, *"The dynamics of colony formation for Common Terns in the re-established colony at Ram Island Mattapoisett, MA."*

Due to other commitments, Bob Sagar will no longer be able to serve as EBBA's Memorial Grant Chairperson. Bob has been in this position for ten plus years. EBBA's officers and councilors would like to thank him for work and dedication over these many years and wish him well in his future endeavors.

THE MEMORIAL GRANT FUND

Over 25 years ago, EBBA established a Memorial Grant Fund to recognize departed members and friends. Income from that endowment has been used annually to make student awards for ornithological research projects which use bird banding as part of the study. Income has grown so that up to \$500 has been designated by Council for distribution by the Memorial Grant Committee.

If you want to remember a departed bander or birder friend, or simply contribute to the support of student research in ornithology, send your tax-deductible check to EBBA's treasurer, Donald Mease. Added income from the Fund will be used in the future to increase the number or amount of these competitive awards.