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WBBA GRANTS

The **Western Bird Banding Association** offers two \$500 grants each year, one for research and the other for monitoring, to individuals and/or organizations engaged in projects in the New World using marked birds. The research grant should help test a hypothesis, while the monitoring grant is intended to help individuals or institutions establish or continue monitoring programs that investigate changes in bird populations. Students (including under-graduates) and organizational interns are encouraged to apply.

Grant awardees will be asked to submit results of their grant projects for publication in future issues of *North American Bird Bander* as well as present results at future WBBA annual meetings.

Applicants for these grants should submit a project proposal and two letters of reference attesting to the qualifications of the applicant. Proposals must include a description of the research or monitoring program that includes objectives, methods, and a budget detailing how requested funds will be used. Applicants may increase their chances by having smaller project budgets or detailing the use of requested funds for larger projects. The proposal constitutes the application and should be limited to no more than three typed pages, including full contact information. No additional forms are required; no information packets are available from WBBA.

Applications should be submitted by 30 Jun to:

WBBA Awards
c/o Geoffrey Geupel
PRBO Conservation Science
4990 Shoreline Highway
Stinson Beach, CA 94970 USA

Announcement of successful applicants will be made at the WBBA annual meeting in late summer/early fall, and funds will be available from the treasurer soon after.

AFTER BANDING 100,000 BIRDS . . .

Eugene Kridler is calling it quits. An active bander, birder, and conservationist for more than 50 years, Gene was honored this past September by the Washington State and Olympic Peninsula Audubon Societies for his many contributions to bird conservation. Our records do not tell us just when Gene joined; but he was WBBA's President in 1963-64, which means he has been a member of WBBA for more than forty years! C. J. Ralph made a poster, highlighting Gene's career, which was on display at WBBA's 2004 annual meeting; and WBBA sent a certificate of recognition and a letter of congratulations, which were presented by Jack and Pat Fletcher at the Audubon ceremony.