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To: Anne L. Stamm Avian Education Fund Committee – Kentucky Ornithological Society
From: Kathy Caminiti and Leonard Beck - Northern KY Bird Club
Re: Grant Summary Report as recipient of 2021 Anne L. Stamm Avian Education Fund Grant

The Grant fund money that we received in March 2021 from the KOS Anne L. Stamm Avian Education Fund was very appreciated and was utilized to begin our NKBC Bird Specimens Teaching/Education Collection.

We began collecting specimens in June 2020 as authorized by our U.S. & Wildlife Salvage/Collecting Federal Permit for Educational Purposes.

As a result of the Grant funds, we currently now have the below bird specimens in our Teaching Collection:

- 52 full body bird study skin specimens
- 25 talons/feet
- 49 individual spread wings
- 7 taxidermy mounts
- 12 used nests

Our Teaching/Education Bird Specimens Collection is used for examination, study, and handling by students in schools and at public events.

Our Bird Specimens were used in 2021 by:

- Leonard Beck, zoology teacher at Boone County High School-Florence KY
- Susan Brown with Boone County Conservation District at Elementary Schools in Boone County
- Our Northern KY Bird Club community events held Boone County and Kenton County Parks

And we have plans for more schools and events in 2022.

The feedback from Boone County High School students was very positive. Lenny Beck reported they were very engaged while using the specimens. One student remarked at the end of the unit “I didn’t know learning about birds would be this cool” and another borrowed binoculars for the summer. Also, students would come to class to tell Mr. Beck what birds they saw while outside of school. By the end of the unit students could identify the adaptations of different wing, feet, beak, and talon shapes. Additionally, they could identify most common and some uncommon species by appearance.

We will be presenting the collection at the KOS Spring Meeting at Barren River State Resort Park on 4/22/22. For more information, please visit our website at www.northernkentuckybirdclub.org and click on ‘NKBC Specimen Collection Information’ in the menu.

Thank you for your support!

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