

Conservation Grants

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CVWO is proud to be able to make modest conservation grants available to worthwhile organizations. In 2024, we completed our grants to the Virginia Society of Ornithology for species sponsorships to help with the cost of the Breeding Bird Atlas website construction. We have now sponsored 11 species. We continued our student grant in memory of Ned Brinkley with our partner Finch Research Network, where we also supported the Evening Grosbeak "Road to Recovery" program by supplying some nanotags. At the Center for Conservation Biology at William and Mary, we partnered on a new initiative to place satellite transmitters on "Western" Willets to learn about their migration movements.

We continued to help youths through the American Birding Association's youth camps and provided assistance for counters at two partner hawkwatches, Veracruz River of Raptors in Mexico and Talamanca in Costa Rica. We co-sponsored the Keynote Speaker for the Winter Wildlife Festival in Virginia Beach and were a sponsor of the 50th Anniversary Conference of the Hawk Migration Association in Minnesota. We also provided funds for some native plantings at the pollinator garden at the Brinkley Preserve in Northampton County.

