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Celebrate Urban Birds Mini-Grants Available!

Celebrate Urban Birds at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology invites organizations and educators to apply for mini-grants to help fund neighborhood events in communities everywhere. Celebrate Urban Birds is a free year-round project that collects information from everyday people about 16 species of birds that may be found in urban areas. Participants spend 10 minutes watching birds in their neighborhood and report their observations online at www.CelebrateUrbanBirds.org. This information helps scientists better understand how birds survive in cities and make use of greens spaces, including parks and gardens.

Mini-grants average \$100 - \$500

What is a Celebrate Urban Birds event? These are neighborhood events featuring activities involving birds, community service, art, greening, and science. Celebrate Urban Birds mini-grants could be used to support a bird-activity day at a local museum, afterschool, library, or community center, or fund art and gardening activities at your club, business, school, senior center, or neighborhood. **We want to see what new ideas inspire you!**

Why hold a Celebrate Urban Birds event? Connecting the arts, music, dance, and gardening with birds and science leads people into deeper observation of nature, helps them enjoy the magic inherent in birds, and reduces stress. Connecting with nature in YOUR city is good for birds AND good for your neighborhood!

Application deadline is February 15, 2009

To qualify, please plan to:

- hold a Celebrate Urban Birds event in 2009
- introduce the public/youth to birds
- collect Celebrate Urban Birds data and inspire others to observe birds and collect data
- distribute Celebrate Urban Birds kits (with posters, seeds for planting, and more)
- integrate the arts
- integrate gardening/habitat creation
- get people outside

To apply for a mini-grant, please visit www.CelebrateUrbanBirds.org

Organizations working with traditionally underserved communities are strongly encouraged to apply. No experience with birds required.

For more information, please contact Celebrate Urban Birds: urbanbirds@cornell.edu



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