

## Piedmont Bird Club Minigrant Program 2019-2020

The Piedmont Bird Club awarded five minigrants during the 2019-2020 PBC year. Four of the minigrant projects were completed as proposed, and one of the minigrant projects has been extended due to the pandemic.

- The River Landing Bird Club purchased and installed eight nest box baffles on the grounds of the River Landing retirement community at Sandy Ridge to decrease nest predation and enable more fledglings to reach maturity. The minigrant generated great interest in the newly formed River Landing Bird Club, which now has 70 members.
- The Adams Farm Christian Preschool used PBC minigrant funds to purchase four bird feeders, a bird bath, a feeding station pole, and bird seed. The children at the center helped to upgrade their bird watching station by pulling weeds and trimming trees. In February, they filled the feeders with different kinds of seeds and eagerly watched the birds out their window. The teacher noted that the pre-k students can now identify 12 different species.



- The Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro created a refugia garden to create awareness of the climate crisis and to provide food for birds, butterflies, and pollinators. The garden includes 15 plants of native species with a trellis for native vines. A donated bird bath serves as a water feature. The garden was supported by funds from PBC, the Carolina Butterfly Society, T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society, and individuals in the church congregation.



- A young individual used minigrant funds to purchase wildlife books for a project called “Rolling with Books” for the Craft Recreation Center in Greensboro. PBC member Barbara Haralson assisted with the purchase of bird feeders and field guides. The project sponsored two events for sharing the books with children.



Their favorite books were the ones with bird sounds. Rolling with Books will resume again in the fall.

- The Piedmont Young Birders, a teen birding club supported by PBC and the T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society, received a minigrant award to purchase hands-on birding education activities and promotional materials. The roll-out of this grant has been extended to a time where it is safe for people to meet again in groups.