

Report for the Connecting People with Nature

Small Project Proposal for Songbird Habitat Improvement

Summary of Activities

Project Name: Migratory Bird Day-Songbird Habitat Improvement Project

Date of Event: Migratory Bird Day 2013 and ongoing

Participants: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Contributors:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)
- Volunteers for the ODFW

Description of the Event:

The funds were used to purchase building material from a local small wood products vendor, and the material was given to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to support to their migratory birdhouse program. Bird box kits are cut and prepared for assembly by ODFW volunteers and then made available to local schools, organized children's groups/clubs (e.g., 4-H Boy and Girl Scouts, YMCA programs), and during various local Outreach events (e.g., International Migratory Bird Day, Earth Day).



*Photo provided by William Cannaday, ODFW

These activities benefit the local economy, and also help educate the public about migratory bird species along with the role of our agencies in wildlife conservation. These interactions provide an awareness of the connection our lives and actions have with bird species, and give biologists opportunities to discuss nature, and the importance of migratory birds in southwest Oregon.



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Two local FWS personnel participate in the Earth Day/Migratory Bird Day events and will assist the public with assembly of bird boxes during the upcoming 2013 event. During the 2012 Earth Day/International Migratory Bird Day event over 220 bird houses were assembled and approximately 2,000 bird houses are anticipated to be built this year.

Participants take the finished bird boxes home and not only provide additional bird habitat in their local areas, but will also be ready to share their new knowledge of migratory birds.



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