

Photographers please note

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: NABS EDUCATION GRANTS

2019 NABS Joseph A. Kujanik Education Grant Program

In honor of the memory of Joseph A. Kujanik NABS announces this Request for Proposals for plans to create a two chick Growth Atlases: one for the Western Bluebird and the other for the Eastern Bluebird. These atlases should be designed to assist bluebirders in determine the exact age of their chicks in the field. Such information is very important in cases of fostering orphaned chicks or for coordinating with bird banders.

The Growth Atlas should be modeled after the Growth Atlas found in the ***Mountain Bluebird Trail Monitoring Guide*** by Myrna Pearman. The Atlas will consist of two clear high resolution digital images: 1) the whole clutch (from above) and 2) of a single chick in hand (ideally the same chick) on each day from hatching to fledge. The first images should obtained be as soon after hatch as possible and will be labeled as “Day 0” or “Hatch Day”. The images taken 24 hours (+/- 30 minutes) after “Day 0” will be labeled “Day 1”, 48 hours (+/- 30 minutes) later “Day 2”, and so forth until fledging (circa “Day16”). Below is a subset of the images in the aforementioned Mountain Bluebird Growth Atlas to be used as an example.



The RFP shall include several items: An indication that the photographer is an experienced bluebirder or will be working with an experienced bluebirder to insure safe chick handling procedures,

- 1) A brief narrative relating to the photographer’s past experience with wildlife photography.
- 2) A description of the equipment to be used for collecting the images (jpg),
- 3) A plan for composing the final Growth Atlas from the raw digital images,
- 4) A time line for the project completion and submission of the final product, and
- 5) A proposed budget.

The Growth Atlas produced (and all digital images) shall be considered property of NABS to be used as it sees fit for bluebird education and other purposes. The proposal should not exceed 5 pages total and should be submitted as a PDF (or MS Word document). Proposals will be judged by the NABS Education Committee and awards made by the NABS Board of Directors

Please send the proposal to bdaniel@cinci.rr.com before March 15, 2019. Awards will be made by April 15 2019.