## DECATUR AUDUBON - RON SHAFER EDUCATION GRANT

# Supporting learning about the environment

The mission of the Decatur Audubon Society (and the National Audubon Society) is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the Earth's biological diversity. Education has always been a focus of the Decatur Audubon & National Audubon Society. Decatur Audubon seeks programs or projects that have a well-planned goal of educating students and youth about the need to protect and preserve habitat and restore ecosystems or with a focus on some other aspect of the mission statement.

### Grants will be judged on the following basis:

Quality of the Project Strategy & Work Plan - The project, program, or proposed activity demonstrates through planning and communication the mission of Audubon. The educational activities reflect quality coordination and efforts to maximize participation involving as many students, parents and teachers when appropriate. We prefer a project that would be on-going rather than a short one-time activity. When appropriate the grant recipient is expected to engage the student in keeping records, possibly photographs, scrapbooks or other means of documenting their work. We would hope the project could later be shared at a Decatur Audubon meeting, Festival of Spring, or parent meeting at your school reflecting the quality work and interest generated through the planned activity and efforts of you and your students.

#### **Applicants Ability to Implement -**

**Budget and Cost Effectiveness -** The proposal represents a cost-effective use of resources as evidenced by the amount requested to support activities.

If additional space is needed to complete application, please limit to one additional page!

Who Can Apply - Any educator in Macon County area is eligible to apply.

Applications should be submitted to Decatur Audubon, P.O. #591, Decatur, IL 62525.

Funds are limited; before submitting application please call Melody Arnold 972-0587.

Please see the second page for the application.

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# APPLICATION FORM (Please type or print)

| Project Name / Title            |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Project Time Period:            | Following approval and funding, completion is expected by June 30, 2015            |
| Applicant                       | Signature  |
| Address, Phone & E-ma           | ail Address  |
| Institution                     | Address  |
| If applicable Signature         | of Principal, or Administrator   |
| Goals:                          |  |
|                                 |  |
| Activities:                     |  |
|                                 |  |
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|                                 |  |
| Itemized Budget:                |  |
|                                 |  |
| Other Sources of Fun            | ding: (Please identify & Dollar Amount)  |
| Anticipated Impact of           | Project on Others:   |
|                                 |  |
| Has the applicant reco          | eived previous grants from Audubon? If yes, when and what.                         |
| If requested is the ap project? | plicant willing to make a presentation to Decatur Audubon at the conclusion of the |

At the completion of the project please submit one page summarizing activities and expenses incurred.