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RESEARCH GRANTS

Small Research Grants Awards Given

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2009 BOU Research grants

- **Birds of prey of Kazakh upland**
Anna Barashkova (Russia), £1000.
- **Phylogeny and evolutionary history of Steamer Ducks, *Tachyeres*, with particular focus on the species in the Falkland Islands**
Brandon Letts (USA), £800.
- **Assessing bird diversity in shed trees of tea (*camellia sinensis* L.) gardens in Greater Sylhet region, north-eastern Bangladesh**
Sharif Ahmed Mukul (Bangladesh), £920.
- **Abundance and diversity of raptors in surrounding unprotected area of Yankari Game Reserve Bauchi State, Nigeria**
Joseph Daniel Onoja (Nigeria), £800.
- **Effect of habitat alteration on population density and distribution of Turner's Eremomela in south Nandi Forest, Kenya**
Nickson Erick Otieno (Kenya), £1000.
- **Moult in migrant waders using African wetlands**
Magdalena Remisiewicz (South Africa), £1200.
- **Investigating the habitat requirements and preferences of the endangered Madagascar Pond Heron on Aldabra Atoll**
Jennifer Stockdale (UK), £685.
- **The impact of land use on the breeding Saker Falcons in Vojvodina, Serbia**
Marko Tucakov (Serbia), £1000.
- **Establishing a national monitoring programme for White-shouldered Ibis in Cambodia**
Hugh Wright (UK), £1995.

2008 BOU Research grants

- **Radio-tracking research to aid conservation of the Critically Endangered Djibouti Francolin**
Clive Bealey (UK), £1000.
- **Evaluating the impact of land-use on resident and migratory raptors in West African savannas**

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- Ralph Buij (Cameroon), £1000.
- **Galliformes monitoring and conservation project in Pakistan's Palas valley with special focus on Western Tragopan**
Francis Buner (UK), £1000.
 - **Does Bean Goose have a distinct strategy for autumn versus spring migration in northeastern Ukraine?**
Mikhail Banik (Ukraine), £600.
 - **A comparison of the breeding ecology of East African and north temperate tit species (Paridae)**
Phil Shaw (UK), £795.
 - **The impact of predation on populations and individuals of wintering waders**
Piet van den Hout (The Netherlands), £600.

2007 BOU Research grants

- **Using a common sister species to elucidate the origin of parasitic infection in the endangered Pink Pigeon.**
Bunbury, N (UEA, UK). £250.
- **Some aspects of conservation biology of Papyrus Yellow Warbler *Chloropeta gracilirostris* in Kenyan sector of Lake Victoria .**
Owino, A (Kenya Wildlife Service). £1000.
- **Survey of globally-threatened birds in the northern sector of Kinangop Grasslands IBA, Lake Ol Borossat Grasslands and Marmanet Forest Reserve, central Kenya.**
Wamiti, W (National Museums of Kenya). £850.
[Report published *Ibis* 150: 439](#)
- **Research on distribution and status of the Saker *Falco cherrug* in south-eastern Romania .**
Daroczi, S (Transylvania University , Romania). £450.
- **Research on the contemporary distribution of species from order Falconiformes, Nesting in the rock biotopes in North-western Bulgaria.**
Stoyanov, G (Bulgarian Society for Protection of Birds of Prey). £450.
[Report published *Ibis* 150: 438-439](#)
- **Locating critical habitats for Bengal Florican in Cambodia: towards the sustainable management of Tonle Sap Grassland.**
Gray, T (UEA , UK). £1468.
- **The status of a rare and recently described endemic bird species (the Principe Thrush *Turdus [Olivaceofuscus] Xanthorhynchus*) and a search for an as yet undescribed 'owl'.**
Melo, M (CEFE-CNRS , France). £1000.
- **Surveying breeding grounds of the critically endangered Sociable Lapwing in Southern Russia.**
Morozov, V (Moscow State University , Russia). £1000.
- **A research programme on the spring migration of Knots through Porsangerfjord, North Norway.**
Dick, W (UK). £1000.

2006 BOU Research grants

- **Implications of winter habitat choice in migratory shorebirds.**
Alves, J (UEA , UK). £250.
- **Territory size and population density of (moustached antpitta) *Grallaria alleni*.**
Cadena – Lopez, G (Colombian research biologist).
£750.
- **Characterisation of a hybrid zone between *Manacus manacus* and *Manacus vitellinus* in the lowlands of north-western Colombia.**
Calderon Franco, D (Colombian undergraduate student). £750.
- **Nesting of the vulnerable Helmeted Woodpecker and other woodpeckers in Argentina's Atlantic forest.**
Cockle, K (University of British Columbia). £570.
[Report published *Ibis* 150: 216](#)
- **Minimising the impacts of palm oil production on birds and other biodiversity whilst sustaining livelihoods: a case study in the upper Guinea Forest Zone of Ghana.**
Phalan, B (Cambridge Uni, UK). £525.
- **Is the abandonment of traditional low intensity agriculture detrimental to bird communities in Cyprus.**
Symes, A (UEA, UK). £500.
- **Threatened species surveys in the Gola Forest Reserves, Sierra Leone.**
Wotton, S (The RSPB, UK). £400.

2005 BOU Research Grants

- **Supplementary feeding and wild foods in the endangered Pink Pigeon.**
Edmunds, K. (UK). £600.
- **The survey of Corncrake population in Medias Tableland, Romania.**
Cosmin, M.J. (Romania). £350.
[Report published *Ibis* 149: 446-447](#)
- **Distribution, habitat use and breeding biology of the Bittern in the Fizes Basin, Transylvania, Romania.**
David, A. (Romania). £600.
- **Status and distribution of three raptor species in Western Romania.**
Komaromi, I.S. (Romania). £500.
- **Cambodia 2006 Ornithological Expedition.**
Bird, J. (UK). £1000.
[Report published *Ibis* 149: 650-651](#)

2004 BOU Research Grants

- **Individual quality and at-sea distribution of the Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross.**
Cuthbert, Richard (UK). £1000.
- **Macin Watchsite 2004: spring and autumn hawk count in southeastern Romania .**
Domahidi, Zoltan (Romania). £1000.
[Report published *Ibis* 147: 632-633](#)

2003 BOU Research Grants

- **Pilot project for enacting the Spotted Eagle Action Plan in Belarus.**
Dombrovski, V (Belarus). £750.
- **The ghost birds of Sulawesi: surveys and conservation of nightjars and owls.**
Hunowu, I (Indonesia). £750.

2002 BOU Research Grants

- **Observations and ringing study of Winter Ring Ouzels *Turdus torquatus* and their habitat in the High Atlas Mountains of Morocco.**
Arthur, D. (UK). £450.
- **Neglected and reconstructed territories of Central Russia as the core diversity of birds**
Bogomolov, D. (Russia). £350.
[Report published *Ibis* 145: 711-712](#)
- **The status and habitat requirements of the Karamoja Apalis *Apalis karamojae* in the Wenbere Stepp, Tanzania**
Shaw, P. (UK). £550.
- **White Stork breeding success, foraging and survival in Romania**
Szabo, Z D. (Hungary). £750.

2000 BOU Research Grants

- **An avian survey of the Sumaca national reserve, Ecuador.**
Stewart White (UK). £1000.
- **The importance of fish ponds for Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* in Western Ukraine.**
Igor Gorban (Ukraine) £930.
- **Project CHAGRA' 2000: Ukrainian project of conservation and studying chalk grasslands.**
Mikhail Banik (Ukraine). £600.
[Report published *Ibis* 143: 523](#)
- **Environmental predictability and sex allocation in the Saxual Sparrow *Passer ammodendri*.**
Kate Oddie (UK) £400.
- **Hatching in captive Bali Starlings *Leucopsar rothschildi*. Do chicks need help?**
Trace Williams (Jersey). £300.
- **Are wader nest-scrapes adaptively located and designed to minimise the rate of heat loss from the clutch?**
Jane Reid (UK) £200.

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1999 BOU Research Grants

- **A search for the nesting colonies of Hornby's Storm-petrel *Oceanodroma hornbyi*. The nesting colonies of this species remains unknown.**
Michael de L. Brooke (UK). £600.

- **Melanesian birds: conservation and taxonomy.**
Guy Dutton (UK). £400.
[Report published *Ibis* 145: 175](#)
- **The Vulturine Parrot *Psitttrichas fulgidus* of New Guinea: habitat requirements and conservation implications.**
Dr Geoff M. Hilton (UK). £400.
- **Colombian EBA Project '99.**
Paul Salaman (UK). £400.
[Report published *Ibis* 142: 521-522](#)
- **Conservation of birds of prey in Transylvania.**
Robert Zeitz (Romania). £900.
- **The foraging ecology of Red-breasted Geese *Branta ruficollis* on staging grounds in Kazakhstan.**
J. M. Rowcliffe (UK). £400.

1998 BOU Research Grants

- **Doiadema '98. An ornithological and conservation project in the forests of New Caledonia.**
Jonathan Ekstrom (project leader) (U.K.) £400.
- **John Gould's Australian birds; a re-appraisal of the taxonomic status of some of Gould's important early 19th-century specimens in two British museums.**
Clemency Fisher (U.K.) £100.
- **Surveys of post-breeding Slender-billed Curlew *Numenius tenuirostris*, White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala* and Sociable Plover *Vanellus gregarius* in Northern Kazakhstan.**
Baz Hughes (U.K.) £400.
- **The West Greenland Goose Project: to investigate habitat exploitation by White-fronted Goose and Canada Goose in West Greenland.**
Nigel Jarrett (U.K.) £400.
[Report published *Ibis* 141: 528-529](#)
- **To monitor the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* population in Bulgaria and to further the objectives of the International Action Plan for the species.**
Nikoli Petkov (Bulgaria) £400.
- **Action Sampiri - the Sangihe and Talaud conservation project. An integrated conservation and awareness program studying endangered parrots and the key sites for their conservation.**
Jonathan Riley (U.K.) £400.
- **Colombia '98: Uncovering the Serrania de San Lucas. To investigate the avian diversity of this remote and virtually unknown tract of primary forest in northwestern South America in order to assess populations of species urgently requiring conservation attention.**
Paul Salaman (U.K.) £400.
[Report published *Ibis* 141: 354-355](#)
- **The status, ecology and conservation of Black-necked Lovebird *Agapornis nigrigenis* in Zambia. To ascertain the present distribution and status of the species, identify and evaluate all threats limiting its recovery and prepare a conservation strategy.**
Louise Warburton (South Africa) £400.

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1997 BOU Research Grants

- **To determine the densities and large-scale habitat use of a range of endemic birds within the Gundera Reserve.**
Will Cresswell (UK) £500.
- **A study of the spring migration of Greenland White-fronted Geese in Iceland.**
Tony Fox (Denmark) £200.
- **A study of the ecology of hornbills and their role as seed dispersers in a poor-quality forest in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia.**
Mauro Galetti £200
- **A study of the distribution and reproductive success of the Middle Spotted Woodpecker in fragmented and continuous oak-dominated forests of Nerussa woodland.**
Serguei Kossenko £600.
- **A study of the Sichuan Hill-partridge within its known range in Sichuan, in order to produce a conservation action plan for the species and its forest habitat including management recommendations for future protected area managers.**
Rod Martins (UK) £200.
[Report published *Ibis* 141: 172-173](#)
- **A survey to collect data on distribution and abundance of Lesser Kestrels *Falco naumanni* in southeastern Kazakstan.**
Stephen Parr (UK) £600.
- **A University of East Anglia Conservation Project in Indonesia to collect data on the relative biodiversity values of different forest habitats at Riung (north Flores).**
John Pilgrim (UK) £200.
[Report published *Ibis* 140: 559](#)
- **Continuation of a diurnal taped-call playback survey of breeding storm petrels on the Island of Annet, Scilly, combined with an examination of breeding phenology.**
Peter Robinson (UK) £200.
- **A study of plant/pollinator relationships and morphological convergence using Neotropical hummingbirds and rainforest flowers.**
Bruno Walther £500.

1996 BOU Research Grants

- **The taxonomy of the *Mirafra assamica* complex.**
Per Alstrom (Sweden) £200.
- **The status of the Ethiopian population of Chough.**
Anne Delestrade £200.
- **A faunal survey of the Austral Islands.**
David Holyoak (UK) £600.
- **The use of staging areas by Sanderlings in Iceland.**
Paul Mitchell (UK) £200.

- **A census of the breeding numbers and distribution of the Ferruginous Duck in Bulgaria.**
Nikolai Petkov (Bulgaria) £400.
- **Project Ortalis '96 – a conservation expedition to the threatened dry forests of western Ecuador.**
Robert Pople (UK) £150.
- **Site fidelity and short-distance movements of Corncrake males in the Snmara Mountains, Czech Republic.**
Jiri Pykal (£500).
- **Action Sampiri – The University of York Exploration Group's Talaud and Sangihe conservation project.**
Jonathan Riley (UK) £200.
- **An assessment of the population status and viability of endemic bird species in Namibia.**
Tony Robertson (UK) £400.
- **A study on the importance of wetlands in the Upper Thracia lowland for the migration and wintering of globally and European threatened and rare waterfowl species.**
Kalin Velev £100.

Details of the BOU's Research Grant scheme are available from the BOU Office, BOU, PO Box 417, Peterborough PE7 3FX, UK; Tel & Fax 01 733 844 820; Email: bou @ bou.org.uk (remove spaces).

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