



Audubon Society of Central Maryland

Our mission is to protect and restore birds, other wildlife and their habitats through education and action, for the benefit of people and the earth.

School Garden & Wildlife Habitat Grant FAQs

Up to four \$500 grants will be awarded annually by the Audubon Society of Central Maryland to schools developing wildlife and/or native plant gardens or habitats. The 2009/2010 school year is the sixth year of the program.

- I. What types of projects will we fund?
 - A. School wildlife and habitat improvement projects, at sites including primary or secondary schools, public or private, and nature centers that work with such schools.
 - B. Materials we will fund include plants, gardening tools, soil improvement materials, and mulch. Other possibilities might be gardening, wildlife, or natural history books for a school library to enhance the educational value of the project.
 - C. We will not fund projects on private property or pay for experts to design or construct the project. Work should be done by students, teachers, and volunteers.

- II. What are the application procedures?
 - A. Who can apply? A school or center official such as a teacher or administrator should complete an application, with student assistance if possible.
 - B. What is the deadline? December 15 of each year, with recipients to be notified by January 30th so that plans can be well underway before planting season.
 - C. Who will evaluate applications? A committee of three ASCM board members, including the grant coordinator.

- III. Will projects be monitored?
 - A. Successful applicants will be asked to report on how they used the funds and how the project benefited their school and the environment. A member of the grant committee will visit each site if possible.

For more information about the grant or to obtain an application, please contact Julie Dunlap, Grant Coordinator, 410-381-8710, juliejdunlap@earthlink.net. Applications are due December 15, 2009, to be mailed to Ms. Dunlap at 6371 Tinted Hill, Columbia, MD 21045. For general information about the Audubon Society of Central Maryland, please contact ASCM, P.O. Box 660, Mt. Airy, MD 21771 or visit our website, <http://www.centralmdaudubon.org/>.