ILLINOIS AUDUBON SOCIETY
GRANTS PROGRAM REQUIRED PROJECT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

The project proposal must include the following components:

- **Abstract**: Up to 200 words summarizing the project.
- **Introduction**: Provide background information and describe the uniqueness of your project. Cite sources for information as appropriate. Clearly state the research question, the purpose and goals of the project, and what hypotheses are being tested. Ensure that any in-text citations listed in this section are present in the Literature Cited section.
- **Methods or Plans**: Describe and carefully cite methodology to be used. Write this section for reviewers who may know little about the specific methodological details in your narrow field of investigation. Outline your experimental design in this section. Ensure that any in-text citations listed in this section are present in the Literature Cited section.
- **Timetable**: Dates for completion of project phases, including publication of results.
- **Budget**: Provide an itemized budget for the project, specify the amount and designation for funds requested from IAS, and other secured or probable funders for remaining items. You can group like items together (e.g., Lab Supplies, Data Analysis, etc.) and mention the total amount and funder of that group.
- **Expectations:** Applicants agree to write an article about their project to be published in an IAS publication.
- **Literature Cited:** Use the formatting below for in-text citations and listings in Literature Cited. Ensure that any in-text citations are listed in this section.

  In text citations

  One author: Smith 2023
  Two authors: Smith and Jones 2023
  More than two: Smith et al. 2023

  Literature Cited

  One author: Author last name, author first initial. Year of publication. Article title. Journal Name Journal Issue: Inclusive pages.
  Ex. Smith, J. 2023. Why birds are awesome. Journal of Birds 1:1-5.

  Two authors: First author last name, First author first initial, and Second author last name, second author first initial. Year of publication. Article title. Journal Name Journal Issue: Inclusive pages.
  Ex. Smith, J. , and Jones, A. 2023. Why birds are more awesome. Journal of Birds 1:6-10.

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