



MARIN COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

This newsletter is an annual publication of the Marin County Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Volunteer members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors for three year terms.

The Commission serves to advise the Board and administer the annual grant program.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month.



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From The Commission...

This year the Commission was pleased to receive proposals for many wonderful education programs and restoration projects. The Marin County Board of Supervisors reviewed and approved the following grant proposals for funding in FY 2022-2023. These grant recipients, a mix of Marin non-profit organizations, will use the awards for equipment and supplies that directly benefit habitat, wildlife and fish populations in Marin.

Marin Audubon Society

Marin Audubon Society (MAS) was established more than 50 years ago to protect the environment. Marin Audubon's educational activities focus on birds and other wildlife, as well as wildlife habitats.

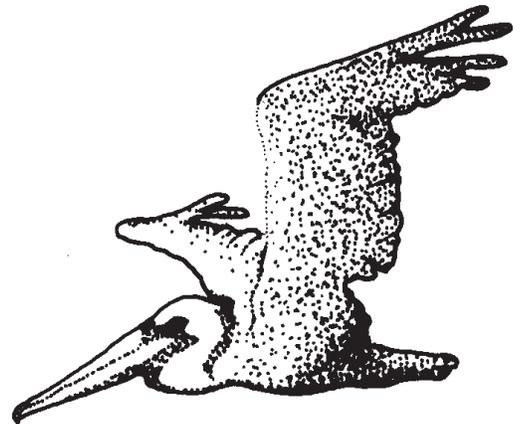
The grant funding is for native pollinator plants.

Information:

www.marinaudubon.org.

Audubon Canyon Ranch (ACR)

ACR was founded in 1962 to protect one of the largest heronries on the west coast. ACR's mission is to protect nature through land preservation, nature-based education, and conservation science. The grant funding is for equipment to track the declining population of banded shore birds in the Bolinas Lagoon area. Information: (415) 868-9244.



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STRAW

Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) started in 1992 to respond to the problem of an endangered species. Today, STRAW is a wing of Point Blue that sustains a network of teachers, students, and restoration specialists to plan and implement watershed and riparian corridor restoration projects. The grant funding is to purchase youth size rain gear and field clothes to support hands-on, in-the-field projects. Information: www.pointblue.org.



Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC)

The EAC provides youth outdoor experiences to learn about the unique habitats of West Marin fish and wildlife. The grant funding is for printing of California Department of Fish & Wildlife guidelines for visitors of Marin's ocean public access locations. Information: (415) 663-9312.

Golden Gate Trout Unlimited (GGTU)

Golden Gate Trout Unlimited's "first cast" program started in 2001 to engender TU's values of conserving, protecting, and restoring coldwater fishing into youthful stewards of our environment. The grant is for literature, tackle and fly tying equipment for youth, 8-10 years old. Information: (415) 307-5363.

River Otter Ecology Project

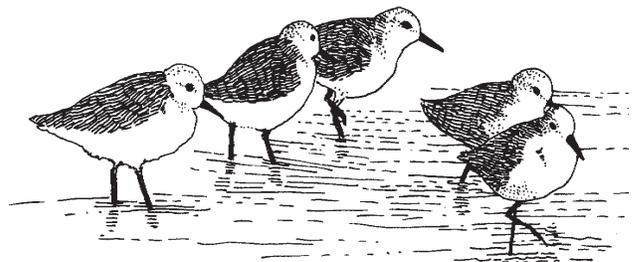
Hands-on high school program with students, scientists, and teachers to collect data on the life and role of otters in watershed ecosystems. The funding is to support materials and supplies. Info: megan@riverotterecology.org.

Salmon Protection and Watershed Network (SPAWN)

SPAWN works to protect endangered salmonids and improve ecosystem health in the Lagunitas Creek Watershed. The grant funding is for a power assist fence post driver. Information: (415) 663-8590 ext 6.

Wildcare

Wildcare/Terwilliger Nature Education and Wildlife Rehabilitation operate a wildlife rehabilitation center for injured animals. In addition, Terwilliger nature vans travel off-site to dozens of schools throughout the area each year to provide hands-on nature education. The grant funding is for materials, literature, and support items for Nature Discovery Programs, Terwilliger Nature Camps, and Wildlife Ambassador Programs. Information: (415) 295-4471 or www.wildcare.org.



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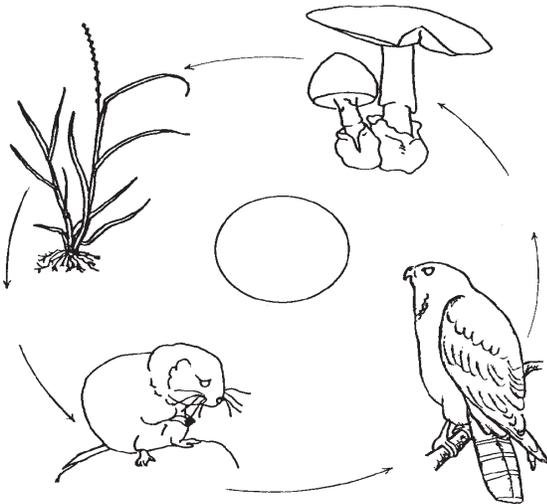
In 2015 Point Bonita YMCA launched the Y Rangers - A summer camp program to connect under-represented communities to their parklands. The grant funding is to support transportation and entrance fees. Information: sdries@ymcasf.com.

International Bird Rescue

Founded in 1971 in response to massive oil spills, it services all injured birds. They rescue and rehabilitate all bird species in Northern California. The funding is for clinical and medical supplies. Information: (707) 704-0350.

Trips for Kids Marin

Since 1988, Trips for Kids Marin has been exposing youth from under-resourced communities to trail rides into local, state, and national parks. Environmental education is added into the trail rides along with trailside nature activities and history. The funding is for bike supplies, helmets, and maintenance parts. Information: (415) 990-0566.



Felidae Conservation Fund (FCF)

The FCF monitors puma activity in Marin County to determine their populations and movements. Funding is for trail cameras, equipment, and scat screening lab costs. Information: (415) 354-5655.

California Trout, Inc.

In 2019 Cal Trout began working with Marin County Office of Education's Walker Creek Ranch. Their program engages youth on the process of monitoring conditions and spawning migrations of Coho Salmon and steelhead. The funding is to provide materials and equipment to support Walker Creek Ranch Outdoor School. Information: (415) 392-8887.



This year, due to the COVID-19 concerns, we will not host our annual barbecue.