

## ORTWS 2023 Grant Reporting for Winter Wildlife Field Days

### Reporter: Fisheries and Wildlife Graduate Student Association

Winter Wildlife Field Days is a family-friendly event hosted by U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, which invites the public to engage with nature. From March 1-31, 30 community members created dozens of activities for participants to explore the beauty of nature, including crafts such as building bird feeders, nature walks and pellet dissection, eDNA and pop-up activity stations. This year, we had 1099 visitors attended the event.

The Fisheries and Wildlife Graduate Student Association at Oregon State University helped to create over 350 bird feeder kits. We hope families can use these kits to build their own bird feeders and to learn more about backyard birds. We provided an online field guide for participants to quickly identify birds. This year, we continued to serve on social media board, posting over 30 times on Facebook and Instagram fan pages. On the Facebook fan page, we engaged with over 8698 people and gained 240 followers.

We thank the support from the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society to make this event successful and meaningful to all participants. We are looking forward to bringing more activities in the next Winter Wildlife Field Days.



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Figure 1. Dr. Garcia was teaching participants preparing survey equipment for eDNA sample collection.



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Figure 2. Dr. Garcia was teaching children to collect samples from a tree for eDNA project.



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Figure 3. Fang-Yu (Betty) Shen was holding a Winter Wildlife Field Days stand





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Figure 4. Pop-up activity materials and free stickers for participants



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Figure 5. Participants were actively engaged at the welcome table to receive bird feeder and other activity kits

Links:

Winter Wildlife Field Days Official Page: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/william-l-finley/winter-wildlife-field-days>

Social Media Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/WinterWildlifeFieldDays>

Social Media Instagram Page: [https://www.instagram.com/winter\\_wildlife\\_field\\_days/](https://www.instagram.com/winter_wildlife_field_days/)