



**World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) Small Grant 2025
Application Form**

WMBD Small Grant 2025 for East Asian–Australasian Flyway

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About World Migratory Bird Day 2025

World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. It has a global outreach and is an effective tool to help raise global awareness of the threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and the need for international cooperation to conserve them. In 2018, WMBD unified the planet's major migratory bird corridors, or flyways: the African–Eurasian flyway, the East Asian–Australasian flyway, and the Americas flyways. **WMBD is now celebrated twice a year, on the Second Saturday in May and in October. In 2025, WMBD will be held on 10 May and 11 October. This year, the theme is “Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities”.** The EAAFP Secretariat encourages Partners to celebrate WMBD twice a year.

Introduction of EAAFP WMBD 2025 Small Grant

The Small Grant for 2025 World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) has been established to provide financial support to [EAAFP Partners](#), [Task Forces](#), [Working Groups](#), and NGOs who plan to organize **public events and/or conservation action-oriented workshops** at national or local levels through participating in World Migratory Bird Day. We strongly encourage EAAFP Partners and collaborators to make an application for any suitable event or development of WMBD materials in the local language that aims to raise awareness of the need for conserving migratory waterbirds and the value of their habitats in the East Asian–Australasian Flyway.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants who plan to organize an event to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day 2025 need to be **based in EAAFP Partner countries**. In addition, EAAFP Partner countries included in the DAC list of ODA Recipients are our priority to support (If you are not sure, please see the [list of EAAFP Partners](#), and [DAC list of ODA Recipients](#)). If you are not the country focal point of EAAFP, please consult and plan with the EAAFP focal point of your country before you apply.

Please note that this grant is to initiate a WMBD event. You can co-fund the event with other sources, but please indicate this in the budget session. Applications with similar content (location, target participants, etc.) to previous years may not be accepted. We also encourage proposals to promote Flyway Network Sites for the WMBD activities.

Information of the application

Firstly, applicants must meet the eligibility criteria set for funding assistance under the EAAFP WMBD 2025 Small Grants Programme.

For your budget planning, please note a maximum of 1,000 USD will be allocated to each country. We recommend you submit your application as early as possible.

The deadline for application is **26th August 2025**. Please submit your application to the Communications Officer via email (Word or PDF document) to secretariat@eaaflyway.net and communication@eaaflyway.net .

After the Secretariat receives your application, the approval of successful proposals is made by the Secretariat. Applicants will hear the result within two weeks after the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Successful applicants have the responsibility to help translate the World Migratory Bird Day materials into their own languages. These translations will be shared on the World Migratory Bird Day website (<https://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/>).

Date of Application: 18th August 2025**1. Applicant Contact Information**

	Name of applicant:	Shanjida Tasnim
a.	Name of the organisation:	Noakhali Science and Technology University
b.	Applicant's position and division in the organisation	Wildlife Biology: MSc (Thesis) Student, Department of Zoology, NSTU and Executive Member, Nature Conservation Club of NSTU
c.	Type of organisation — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other — specify):	Noakhali Science and Technology University is an autonomous public university in Bangladesh.
d.	Email:	
e.	Postal address:	
f.	Office phone numbers:	
g.	Applicant's mobile number:	
h.	Website of organisation:	www.nstu.edu.bd
i.	Additional contact person	

 Please check if you permit to reveal your personal contact information on EAAFP website.
1.1 Supporter Information

	Name of supporter:	Ragib Yeaser
a.	Name of the organisation:	
b.	Supporter's position and division in the organisation	
c.	Type of organisation — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other — specify):	
d.	Email:	
e.	Postal address:	
f.	Office phone numbers:	
g.	Supporter's mobile number:	
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2. Proposed Event Plan and Expected Outcome (Please check the relevant categories of your proposed event)

Public awareness activity — local and/or national	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birdwatching — field trip (Nature Walk)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring/survey — field trip	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational activity/lecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Festival	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media Event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Movie/video	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others – specify (Tree Plantation)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.1 Please specify your proposed event plan and expected outcomes

Title of event:	Shared Spaces: A WMBD Youth Action Event for the Gangairar Char Flyway
Date of event:	October 9 th and 11 th 2025 (tentative)
Organiser:	Shanjida Tasnim
Target participants:	School Students from age 11 to 14 and secondary school teachers and student volunteers from NSTU
Expected number of participants:	120 (approx.)

- Activity: "A Shelterbelt for the Shorebirds" Tree Plantation.** In direct response to the WMBD theme, our students and project volunteers will spend the day engaged in a hands-on habitat restoration project. They will plant a variety of native, salt-tolerant trees along a designated coastal area. This is not just a symbolic act; it is the physical creation of a "bird-friendly" space that will help prevent erosion, provide shelter, and enhance the local ecosystem for years to come. This tangible

Project Rationale & Context: This proposal seeks support for a culminating two-day celebration for our foundational 9-week educational program, "**Nature Tales from the Char**" (চর ও প্রকৃতি), which will run from September 1st to November 15th 2025. Our core project is dedicated to fostering deep environmental empathy and holistic biodiversity education among two secondary schools' students of Charbata and Char Jublee, which are located in the deltaic Meghna Estuary of Noakhali, Bangladesh.

This WMBD event is designed to powerfully embody the official 2025 theme: "**Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities.**" We will bridge our students' broad environmental learning with a focused, tangible action: creating and celebrating the shared spaces that are vital for both their community and the migratory birds of the globally significant **Gangaur Char (EAAF Site 141)**. This focus is inspired from the 2018 Chowdhury et al. study, which confirmed the estuary hosts a minimum of **48 Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpipers** among **25,993 shorebirds**, making community-led conservation an urgent priority.

The Two-Day WMBD Celebration Plan:

Our event will be a two-part experience, moving from direct action to intellectual inspiration.

Day 1 (October 9): Action for Shared Spaces

contribution will vest the students with a powerful sense of ownership and accomplishment.

Day 2 (October 11 - World Migratory Bird Day): Celebrating Our Shared Flyway

- **Morning (Voices for Our Community):** We will convene the students for an inspiring speaker session. -
 - "**From Our Society to the World: The Science of Char**" - Wildlife researchers and experts in avifauna will explain the scientific importance of the students' home, referencing the Chowdhury et al. study to instill a sense of local pride

and global responsibility.

- **"How to Build a Bird-Friendly Community"** - Conservation experts or, university professors will speak directly to the WMBD theme, discussing practical ways - like the tree planting they just completed - that local communities can create and maintain "shared spaces" beneficial to both people and wildlife.
- **Afternoon (Walking in a Shared Space):** The celebration will culminate in a **Guided Nature Walk** along the Char, allowing students to observe birds in their natural habitat. This walk will connect the morning's expert talks with the previous day's physical action, allowing them to see their newly planted area as part of a larger, living ecosystem.
- **Closing Ceremony & "Flyway Pledge":** The event will conclude with students taking a pledge to continue protecting their shared spaces.

Expected Outcomes:

1. **Directly Embodying the WMBD Theme:** By physically creating a "bird-friendly space" through tree planting, the project provides a tangible and powerful outcome directly aligned with the 2025 celebration's core motive.
2. **Translating Science into Local Pride:** To instill in 70 to 100 students (as well as in secondary school teachers) a deep understanding of the scientific importance of their local environment.
3. **Empowerment Through Action & Knowledge:** To provide a memorable, hands-on experience that is reinforced by expert knowledge, solidifying the students' role as active environmental stewards.
4. **A Powerful Culmination:** To serve as an inspiring and intentional event for our 9-week educational program, cementing a lasting conservation ethic in the community's youth.

3. Proposed Event Budget Plan

Please specify budget plan of your proposed event

Total: 854 USD

Please note that ideal budget scale is approximately 1,000 USD to each country

Budget breakdown:

Transportation	22 USD
Venue & Logistics	15 USD
Food & Refreshments	98 USD
Honorarium for Keynote Speakers	164.5 USD
Volunteer Stipend	49.5 USD
Project Coordination (Time)	230 USD
Tree Seedlings (Co-fund from core 9 week project)	150 USD
Educational Materials & Prints	100 USD
Contingency	25 USD

4. Can you support translating the WMBD materials into your language?

Yes No

With the support from EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day Small Grant Fund, you need to:

- Register your event(s) at the following websites as well for regional and global statistics of WMBD participation. It won't take you long to fill in the form as it is a simple process. Registration of your event(s) at Global WMBD website (<http://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/register-your-event>)
- **Logos of WMBD and EAAFP have to be shown on all your printed and digital**

Important notes:

Report deadline:	No later than 25 October 2025 or within two weeks after the event(s).
Required information:	Name of organiser(s), target participants, programme, outcome summary and finance supporting documents
Submit to:	EAAFP Secretariat via email (Word or PDF document) at secretariat@eaaflyway.net and communication@eaaflyway.net