



THE RGVBF GIVING-BACK PROJECTS 2019

The **Tejano Parrot Project** was able to purchase telemetry collars and tracking equipment with our donations from last year's Festival. Four volunteers conducted weekly surveys in Brownsville, Harlingen, Weslaco and McAllen with the aid of the tracking gear. The 2019 funds will be used to purchase additional collars, as the collar batteries last about a year, for tracking the fickle Red-crowned Parrots in neighboring RGV cities where they roost.

The **Harris's Hawk Project** used the 2018 funds to purchase climbing equipment and biologists were therefore able to band chicks in 22 nests. The 2019 funds will be used to study the interaction of these banded first-year birds with the adults from the same nests and to compare DNA samples taken during the banding process.

A new project, **The South Texas Hummingbird Banding Project**, is being added to our list this year. Our newly licensed bander, the only one in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, is in need of banding equipment and supplies. He will be concentrating on studying the Buff-bellied Hummingbirds of the RGV.

While all three recipients of our Giving-Back Project donations will be speaking during the Festival, two will be speaking directly on how the benefits of your funding has helped them this past year. Our third speaker will be speaking on banding Green Jays, but odds are he will mention his new hummer project in there!

Thank you all for your generous donations in the past, and continued support in the future. You have made a difference!