

BVBBS Volunteers Meeting

October 8, 2022





Agenda

1) New Volunteers

2) Service Awards

3) 2022 Statistics

4) Odds & Ends:

★ Adopt a Highway

★ Google Sheets

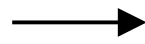
★ Research Project

★ AmazonSmile

★ Grant

★ Stovepipe Baffle

Break



5) Guest Speaker



New Volunteers

Monitors

Adrian Berghamer (Edinburgh Rd)

Bonnie Bohm (LL Marina)

Marilyn & Steve Brown (Scotsdale)*

Amy Lease (Highlands)*

Becky Pratt (BVCC)

Jim Richardson (Highlands)

Jayne Roth (Scotsdale)

**** Took medical leave but plan to return in 2023***



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Service Awards

2 Years

- ★ **Autumn Anderson (monitor)**
- ★ **Ray Atkinson (builder)**
- ★ **Tracy Girardi (monitor)**
- ★ **Larry Hoogerhyde (builder)**
- ★ **Tami Moore (substitute monitor)**



Service Awards

5 Years

- ★ **Tim Garton (builder/trail boss)**
- ★ **Cynthia Marshall (monitor)**
- ★ **George Pickell (trail boss & monitor coordinator)**
- ★ **Steve Skaggs (trail boss & trail boss/box builder coordinator)**



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BVBBS Statistics

2022 Overview

End of Season 2022 - shows all trails managed by the BVBBS and all BVBBS monitor counts.

Trails with Box Counts 2022 - shows the current number of bluebird nest boxes on each trail managed by the BVBBS.

Yearly Fledges per Box - starting in 1980 to the present, gives the number of bluebirds fledged, the number of bluebird nest boxes, the average number of fledges per box, and the cumulative total fledges from year to year.



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Hot Temps in BV 2022

- *90° days started in June*
- *Almost all of July 90°+*
- *2 weeks in July 100°+*
- *All summer high humidity*



Nest Box Hot Temps

from quoted sources

- **Bluebird eggs & nestlings *can not survive temps exceeding 107°***
- ***Prolonged heat to nestlings causes dehydration & heat stress***
- ***Temperatures inside a nest box can reach 120°***
- ***What can we do?***
 - ***Paint top of box white***
 - ***Place boxes so they get late afternoon shade***
 - ***Umbrella***



Bluebirds Fledged

		2022	2021	% Difference
BVBBS Trails		1,643	1,433	+14%
BV Residents		510	721	-29%
	TOTAL	2,153	2,154	-.04



All Cavity Nesting Species Fledged

Year	Bluebird	Swallow	Chickadee	Wren	Other	TOTAL
2022	1,643	461	106	19	8	2,237
2021	1,433	574	167	15	63	2,257
2020	1,845	579	105	17	14	2,560
2019	1,961	542	159	28	1	2,691
2018	1,752	397	131	8	11	2,299

Site/Location	2022 – EABL	2021 – EABL
Berksdale	260	257
Branchwood/Edinburgh/Glasgow	174	134
Brittany	95	63
BVCC	156	139
Dogwood	120	102
Highlands	213	130
Kingswood	158	117
Loch Lomond Park/Marina	40	61
Oakford & Plaza	63	46
Scotsdale	204	258
Short Trails	160	126
TOTAL	1,643	1,433



We now monitor & maintain

581

nest boxes in Bella Vista

From 1980 - 2022 we helped fledge

53,140

Eastern Bluebirds on our trails



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Adopt A Highway

- ***Potential new program in March, now a reality!***
- ***Jacqui Stockman & Becky Pratt worked with ARDOT to adopt a mile on Rt 71***
- ***First litter pickup – Saturday, Oct 22***
- ***Benefits:***
 - ***Help the environment***
 - ***Show our support of Bella Vista***
 - ***Increase awareness of BVBBS***

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Latest News:

- [Fledgling Count](#)
Aug 26, 2022
The bluebird nesting season is at or near the end of this year's nesting season. We would



Google Sheets for Monitoring

- ***Benefits:***
 - ***Shared files online***
 - ***Good for collaboration with TB & substitute monitors***
 - ***No need to email Excel/Calc/PDF***
 - ***Easy to use***
 - ***Data is saved automatically***
 - ***Use it on your phone***



Google Sheets for Monitoring





Grant

- ***2nd Annual***
- ***\$1000 for research on bluebirds***
- ***Announced to Arkansas universities & birding organizations on Sept 1, ends Nov 30***
- ***Our 2021 winner – William Kirkpatrick***

Research Project Extended into 2023 - 4th year

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Research Project

“Should I stay or should I go? How migratory strategies and natal dispersal decisions structure Eastern Bluebird populations in a developed landscape,” is the research project that Dr. Jennifer Mortensen and Butch Tetzlaff are embarking on using the BVBBS nest boxes.

Jennifer Mortensen, PhD, is a teaching assistant professor at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, and Butch Tetzlaff is the owner of [The Bluebird Shed](#) in Bella Vista. Both have done extensive field work with nesting birds and both are licensed bird banders. For questions, contact [Butch Tetzlaff](#).

After getting approval from property owners, the project began in fall 2019, and will continue for three or more years. The study will focus on about 100 nest boxes around Bella Vista.

In January 2020 the [North American Bluebird Society](#) awarded Dr. Mortensen \$1,500 grant toward the project.



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Latest News:



Stovepipe Baffle

- ***Bad, maddening predation***
- ***Steve Skaggs built 11 stovepipe baffles***
- ***Jim Sours installed 6 at Brittany Golf Course***
- ***Steve Skaggs installed 5 at Oakford***
- ***Brittany had 46% increase from last year***
- ***Oakford had 86% increase!***



**8" metal duct
Cut to 20"
Painted flat black**





Stovepipe Baffle

- ***We want to install more in 2023***
- ***Steve's caveat – past performance is no indication of future results***
- ***We could use volunteers to make them***
- ***Contact Steve Skaggs if interested***



Positions Needed

- ***Monitors***
 - ***Brittany Golf Course (11 boxes)***
 - ***BVCC Golf Course (14 boxes)***
 - ***Dogwood Golf Course (16 boxes)***
- ***Website Editor***
 - ***Position Description on website***

Do you read it?

The Bluebirder

Do you find it helpful?

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Our Newsletter - The Bluebirder

If you have any questions or comments, or have a suggestion for a newsletter article, please contact Jacqui Stockman at JSBluebirder@gmail.com.

The Bluebirder, Spring/Summer 2022 - Topics include: Get to Know Bluebirds • Member/Volunteer Discounts • Volunteer Spotlight - Susan & Brian Woodruff • Common Nesting Birds • Nestbox Sharing • Does Supplemental Feeding Help • New Treasurer • Wooden Bluebird Pudding Feeders • and more

The Bluebirder, Fall/Winter 2021 - Topics include: Volunteer Spotlight - Tim Garton • Local Artists • Grant Funds • A Young Naturalists - Quin Warsaw • Native Plants for all Seasons • and more



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Do you have any ideas for articles?



2022 Photo Contest





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Our Amazing Volunteers
The Bluebird Shed



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