

# BLUEBIRD NOTES



## 2020 CONFERENCE CANCELLED / RESCHEDULED FOR 2021

### Report from Ken Kernodle, Immediate Past President

**First ...** The rapidly changing and challenging coronavirus has led to your NCBS Board cancelling the 2020 Annual Conference scheduled at Sylvan Heights Bird Park, on May 16. This was a very difficult and emotional decision for the Board to make, but given what we know and don't know, we trust it is the right choice. Refunds are being issued to those who have already paid conference fees. Contact Chuck Brewer, NCBS Treasurer, for questions. Future plans are to hold our 2021 Annual Conference at Sylvan Heights.

**Note:** *If you reserved room reservations for the 2020 conference at a hotel, please remember to cancel.*

**Second ...** Since we will not be holding our annual meeting for membership election of officers and directors, Ray Welch, Nominations Committee Chair, placed the following names for election by your Board on March 23rd. They were unanimously elected by the Board.

- Vice President: Carol Reid / Directors: Donna Allred, Ken Roberson, Bob Warmuth
- Thanks to Ray for his timely and tireless work and congratulations to the new officers and directors.
- There will be more information forthcoming about them in future newsletters. As you may note, our Society is still searching for a President. Please contact Ray Welch if you are interested!

**Third ...** Let's all be as safe and responsible as possible during this pandemic. Our bluebirds are nesting. Let's capture their beauty & joy to help us get through this challenging period!

### Bluebirds from Durham County seen enjoying the early March Sunshine



Elke Hoffmann sent in these splendid Blue snapshots taken in northern Durham County near Bahama, NC on March 1, 2020.

Thanks, Elke. We know these photos will brighten the day for many.





## North Carolina Bluebird Society (NCBS) Mission Statement

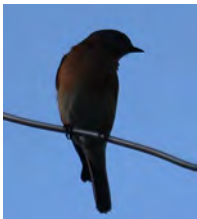
Our goal is to support activities that foster the resurgence of bluebirds and other cavity-nesting birds in our home areas. NCBS is an affiliate member of the North American Bluebird Society.  
[www.ncbluebird.org](http://www.ncbluebird.org)

### We regret to say goodbye to two Board Members

We want to acknowledge the dedicated effort of Sherry Frye during her time with NCBS. She will be unable to continue her role on the Board, but we are grateful for the help she gave while serving as the County Coordinator Administrator. Thanks so much, Sherry. Best Wishes.

Ari Grimsley has announced with regret that she will need to resign from NCBS, due to relocating out of state for a new job. We thank Ari for all her help while she served on the Board, particularly with the Nest Box Data Survey responsibilities. We will miss Ari, but wish her well with her new opportunity.

We appreciate the contribution from Sherry and Ari during their time serving with the Board. We are sorry these ladies are leaving, but want to send a round of applause for all they have done for NCBS and bluebirds. Much thanks to both.



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Bluebird Tips from NABS (North American Bluebird Society)

NCBS is an affiliate of the North American Bluebird Society (NABS). We frequently turn to this highly knowledgeable resource for bluebird education. Their website, [nabluebirdsociety.org](http://nabluebirdsociety.org), is content rich with tips, stories, and tons of valuable information regarding bluebirds and their welfare. We are sharing some frequently asked questions we get with answers crafted in part from NABS.

### What do bluebirds eat during nesting season?

They get help from Mother Nature during this time by surviving primarily on ground-dwelling insects.

### Where is good place to put up nest boxes?

Nest boxes placed in an appropriate environment is key to attracting bluebirds. Ideal habitats for bluebirds are open and barren, such as short grassed areas with some trees nearby for perching. The following, if free of pesticides/herbicides, can make great places for bluebird nest boxes: abandoned orchards, cemeteries, golf courses, meadows, open areas in parks, and pastures.

### Where should I avoid placing nest boxes?

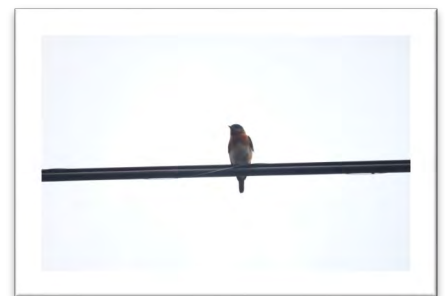
Areas naturally shunned by bluebirds would not be good choices to place nest boxes. Some examples include city centers, densely wooded areas, farm areas where there is a lack of natural habitat, environments with too much competition with House Wrens or House Sparrows.

### I see a bluebird relentlessly pecking at or crashing into our windows. Why?

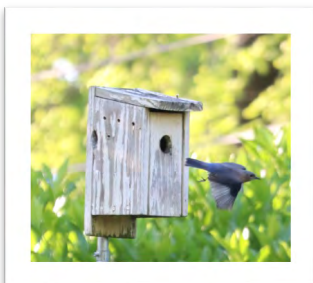
Bluebirds (male and female) are very territorial during nesting season. When bluebirds see their reflection in windows it can seem like a rival bird and results in their aggression. This common behavior, though stressful, rarely results in injury or death. Eliminating the reflection is the only effective way known to deal with this problem. You can try closing the curtains, but that typically is futile.

*Some suggestions from NABS for this issue that may help include:*

- Cloth, newspaper, other type of paper to cover the outside of window
- Hanging garden netting over the windows
- Rubbing bar hand soap over window surface
- Placing a window screen over the window
- Hanging long, thin pieces of reflective Mylar over the window, allowing them to blow in the breeze
- Tying several rows of string across the window (tie several thin pieces of colorful cloth or ribbon from the string)



Check out more in the *NABS Factsheet FAQ* and their website per the links below:



<http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/PDF/NABSfactsheetFAQs.pdf>

[nabluebirdsociety.org](http://nabluebirdsociety.org)

*Photos of bluebirds taken at Mordecai Park in Raleigh by Glenda Ryan*

# NEWS FROM NC TRIANGLE AREA (1 OF 3)

## Fantastic Turnout at Wake County Bluebirder Meeting

The first club meeting of 2020 was held on February 9 with 20+ attendees. Bird Expert Marti Kane gave a splendid presentation regarding the bluebird boxes at Annie Wilkerson Nature Preserve, a City of Raleigh Park located along Falls Lake. Marti also offered numerous tips about how humans can help support birds.

## Extra Special Year for Bill Satterwhite, Devoted Bluebirder of Wake County

Mr. Bill Satterwhite was honored with an inscripted brick installed at the JC Raulston Arboretum to acknowledge his volunteer work with the JCRA, as well as NCBS, Wake EMG Program and Bluebirders of Wake County. Mr. Bill celebrated his 100th birthday this March!!! More details in the summer newsletter.

Joye Stephenson, Wake County Co-Coordinator

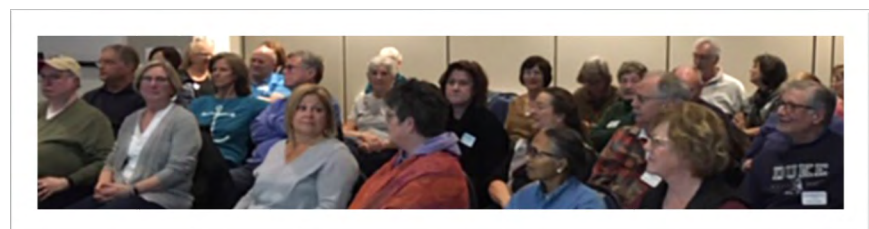


Left photo above: Mr. Bill Satterwhite and two Bluebirder ladies catch up on bluebird tales and tips. Wake County Coordinators, Joye Stephenson and Carol Reid, presented an excellent club meeting, with approval from founder, Mr. Bill Satterwhite. Center photo above includes Joye Stephenson, Bill Satterwhite, Alexia Maneschi, Marti Kane (Speaker), and Carol Reid. Included in the audience were several people affiliated with the NCBS Board, presently or in the past, such as those in right photo above: Bob Wolk, Carrie and Dave Helston, Joye Stephenson. See [bluebirdersofwake.org](http://bluebirdersofwake.org) for more about the club.

Happy Bluebirding this Spring! Photos/summary by Glenda S Ryan, Webmaster/Editor

## Steve McDaniel of Durham County Working Diligently for Bluebirds in 2020

Steve McDaniel, County Coordinator of Durham County (pictured at left), gives wonderful presentation at Creekside at Bethpage Retirement Community on February 2, 2020. The packed audience of attendees listen intently to what he has to say about bluebirds! Watch for it ... A Bluebird Nest Box Trail is in the making. See page 13 regarding a next box project Steve has been driving with Duke Engineering students.



# NEWS FROM NC TRIANGLE AREA (2 OF 3)

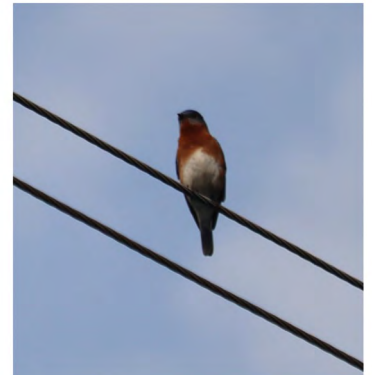
## 2109 Bluebird Photo Show at Mordecai Historic Park



The bluebirds I saw and photographed last year at Mordecai Park are very special. They are the mascots for Mr. Bill Satterwhite, the *Bluebird Man of Wake County*. Bill set up the trail of several nest boxes at this location years ago. It is now being monitored by Suzy Spencer.



Wake County is the place with the most NCBS members. Bill's devotion to bluebirds helped set the trend to love these precious songbirds in the Triangle area. Joye Stephenson and Carol Reid are carrying the torch Bill started to ensure the future for Bluebirds of Raleigh and across the state. See more at [bluebirdersofwake.org](http://bluebirdersofwake.org).



## Bluebirds Check out Scenery after Snowstorm in Durham

New NCBS Member, Tommy Stevens, sent in some wonderful photos he snapped on February 21, 2020. He reported several inches of snow in his backyard in Durham from the storm that started the previous day. These precious Blues were checking out the white scenery. Welcome & Thank You, Tommy.



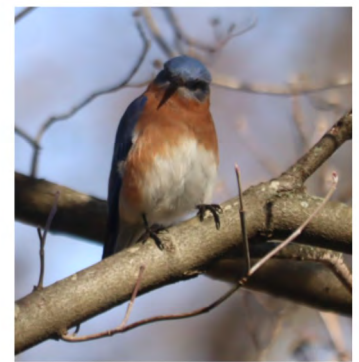
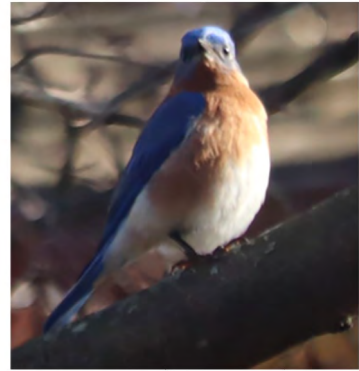
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## New Year's & Christmas Eve Bluebird Sightings

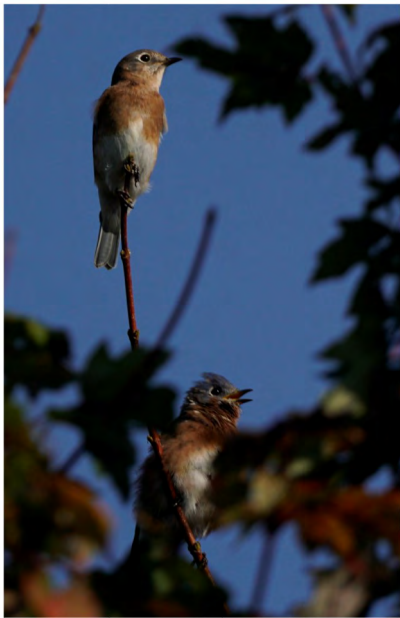
Weather at the end of 2019 and the first day of 2020 turned out to be more like Spring than Winter in Raleigh, NC. I was fortunate to see some Raleigh Blues in the sky and trees around the Mordecai Historic Park near downtown enjoying the sunshine. Sightings of these beautiful feathered friends on Christmas Eve made this holiday extra special.

I was pleasantly surprised again on a stroll at Mordecai on New Year's Day to see more bluebirds! Seeing these precious birds soaring in Carolina Blue Skies at the Capital City was a fantastic way to help start the new year and the new decade.

How great for the presence of Bluebirds to see 2019 out and ring in the New Year! I am taking this as good signs that the Blues will be flourishing in 2020 and upcoming years. I plan to keep helping them. See page 5 for pictures from the *Blue Photo Shows* at Mordecai Park last spring and summer, and page 10 for some from March 2020. Off to great start this spring for Blue sightings!!!



## Wake County Bluebirds Flourishing Last Autumn

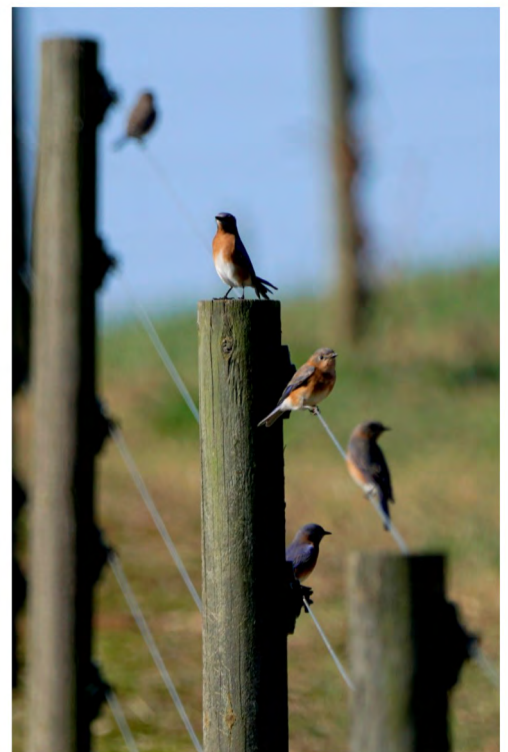


The Blues in the left pictures were from Kimberly Mizewoski 's Raleigh yard in autumn of 2019 We especially love the one singing. Precious!

The photo on the right was snapped with the Blues posing so nicely on fence posts at NC State at Midpines Road last fall. Kimberly estimates seeing about two dozen bluebirds at this location.



Thanks for sharing these awesome images, Kimberly. We wish the *Blues of 2020* to do as well in Wake and all NC counties.



# AN ASSORTMENT OF FEATHERED FRIENDS (1 OF 3)

## Spotlight on Brown Headed Nuthatches

*Giving Brown-Headed Nuthatches a Helping Hand*, a story on the cover page of a 2009 issue of *Bluebird Notes*, is an interesting read about this songbird. We are informed in this article by Mark Stanback, Davidson College Professor, that nuthatches use nest boxes on golf courses, but seek those with "bluebird-proof" entrances. Mr. Stanback recommended Bluebirders who have trails on golf courses consider supplying suitable boxes for Brown-headed Nuthatches. Per this resource, they need the 1" entry hole. See this article edited by Helen Munro and many other past *Bluebird Notes* in our online newsletter archives from the left side navigation of [ncbluebird.org](http://ncbluebird.org).

We are happy to see reports of nuthatches flourishing in nesting data surveys. Jean and Jim Walker, long time Moore County Coordinators, have given comments regarding brown headed nuthatches in their nest box monitoring notes in data reports from several years.

For example, they informed "Our 5 special Brown Headed NutHatch boxes have attracted these birds each of the 3 years since we have installed them near Bluebird Nest boxes" in 2018 monitoring comments.

## Some more reports from past years of Nuthatches, as well as Chickadees and Wrens

**2017:** Joye Stephenson (Wake) – Our other species were Carolina Chickadees and Brown Headed Nuthatches. The CAD took over the BHN boxes. The BHN used a BB box. Unfortunately I was unaware that the bottom of the cup had been pecked out and the BHN didn't have time to build a good nest. When I removed the nest cup, the sparse leaves blew out and the eggs fell through the hole. What a day! They are fragile. The House Wren built in several boxes but abandoned without laying eggs.

**2018:** Diane Hankins (Buncombe)..... I continue to apply Snake-B-Gone (or Snake Away) generously around the bottom of nest box pole. The blues waited till the chickadees fledged & then nested in their favorite box.

**2018:** Ray Welch (Davidson) ..... We also had one nesting of Chickadees that raised one brood and all six fledged.

**2018:** Nancy Kinney (Moore ) ..... Approximately a third of the bluebird boxes had titmouse, chickadee and nuthatch activity but no numerical data (one of the monitors did not report numbers of eggs, hatchling & fledglings.)

**2018:** Stephanie Stone (Wake) ..... Higher number of Brown Headed NutHatch this season .... 8 fledged.

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See photos of various birds, including Nuthatches, Chickadees, and Wrens on the following two pages.

## AN ASSORTMENT OF FEATHERED FRIENDS (2 OF 3)

### Chickadee, Nuthatch, Titmouse, and Wren

We see reports of other species flourishing in your Bluebird Nestbox Monitoring in 2019 and past years. We are happy to see Chickadees, Nuthatches, Wrens, and Titmice also benefiting from the conservation effort across the Tarheel state. Thanks to Buncombe County Coordinator, Russ Bauman, for four images below of cavity-nesting songbirds in North Carolina that are included in the mix of birds NCBS strives to help.



The **Black-Capped Chickadee** (photo at left) on Pine branch looks so peaceful.

Great close up shot of a **Brown-Headed Nuthatch** (photo at right). See page 7 for spotlight on nuthatches.



The **Tuffed Titmouse** is the gray/white bird resting in the branches in picture at the left.

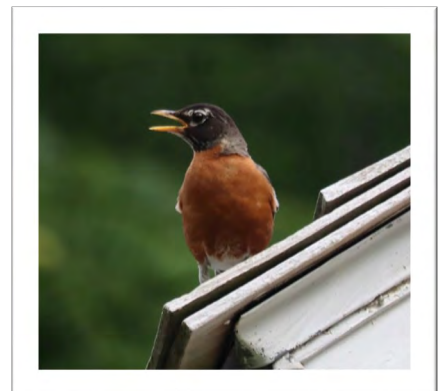
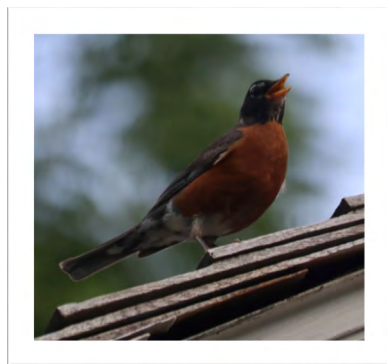
The **Carolina Wren** in photo at right is shown perched on attractive greenery. What nice scenery & cute little songbird.



### Robins of Wake County Make Spring Announcement

You never know when you will see a good photo opportunity. The center Robin picture below was taken near North Regional Library in Raleigh last year. The Robins singing from the rooftops were snapped at Mordecai Historic Park in downtown Raleigh—announcing with delight that **It Is Spring!!!** Sounds good.

Glenda Ryan, Webmaster/Newsletter Editor



## AN ASSORTMENT OF FEATHERED FRIENDS (3 OF 3)



### Chickadee and Tufted Titmouse

*from the Hoosier State*

Photos by Donald Ryan of Houston, Indiana



My brother, Donald Ryan, from our home state of Indiana, loves nature photography. He has shared bluebird and various other bird pictures with NCBS in several issues. He recently snapped some more Hoosier songbirds right outside his window in Houston, Indiana.

He is fortunate to see many Chickadees and Tufted Titmouse songbirds up there. And they do make great photo subjects. These species from him have appeared in *Bluebird Notes* before. Below are some swooping in and posing for a *2020 Early Year Photo Show*. As these birds are supported by the mission of NCBS, they fit right in our newsletter nicely. Thanks, Donald, for continuing to provide snapshots of nature from scenic areas of Jackson County in Southern Indiana.



It is interesting to see some feathered friends from the Midwest that are also found in the Tar Heel state. A Chickadee and Tufted Titmouse from the North Carolina Mountains photographed by Buncombe County Coordinator, Russ Bauman, were provided on page 7.

I was lucky to snap a picture of a Carolina Wren in Raleigh (photo to right) on a recent walk. A Mountain Wren from Russ can be seen on page 7.

Hope you enjoy the variety of songbirds featured in this issue.

Glenda Ryan, Webmaster/Editor



# HAPPY BLUE NEWS FROM EARLY 2020

## WESTERN NC BLUEBIRD SERIOUS ABOUT ASSEMBLING NESTING MATERIAL TO START 2020 SEASON

- Russ Bauman of Biltmore Lake reported that a Momma Blue started building her nest a little earlier than last year, likely due to the warmer temps this spring.
- We are glad to see this Buncombe County bluebird ahead of the game in preparation for her 2020 baby arrivals.



## BLUE EGGS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SPOTTED IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY

- Blue eggs (photo at left) from backyard box of Kimberly Futrell of Godwin, NC were seen in early March.



## 2020 PREDICTED TO BE GOOD YEAR FOR WAKE COUNTY BLUEBIRDS

- Bluebirds have been spotted on several occasions flying among the trees, perching on tree branches, and walking around Mordecai Historic Park in Raleigh this March.
- We are inspired to know our feathered blue friends in this area of the state are out and about so soon planning for a fantastic nesting season. Photos below by Glenda Ryan.



# 2019 NEST BOX DATA UPDATED REPORT

County	Name(s)	Boxes	BLUEBIRD			OTHER SPECIES		
			Eggs	Hatched	Fledged	Eggs	Hatched	Fledged
Beaufort	Bob & Doris Emmerson	3	10	10	10	1	1	1
Beaufort	Phil & Sandy Harris	2	5	5	5	0	0	0
Beaufort	Bill Lennartz	2	9	9	9	0	0	0
Beaufort	Mary Ann McNeil	5	14	8	8	0	0	0
Beaufort	Sandy & Bob Rhodes	2	8	8	8	0	0	0
Brunswick	Nancy Schiffman	10	50	45	45	5	5	5
Carteret	Skinner Chalk	1	10	10	10	0	0	0
Catawba	Gene Moore	2	9	7	7	5	5	5
Catawba	Lynn B. Spees	22	68	54	44	53	6	6
Catawba	Bob Warmuth	69	567	540	529	37	35	35
Cherokee	Kay Cameron	2	8	5	5	5	5	5
Cherokee	Mark Graham	7	26	20	20	12	8	8
Cherokee	Carmen Moore	14	57	44	44	60	52	52
Cherokee	Jan Olson	3	10	9	9	13	13	13
Cherokee/Clay	Carol Reid	12	47	45	45	17	17	17
Davidson	Ray Welch	6	32	30	28	0	0	0
Durham	Susan Antle	13	115	89	88	8	3	2
Durham	Ken Kernodle	23	126	111	101	23	20	20
Durham	Steve McDaniel	28	224	190	182	15	13	13
Forsyth	Bill Abbey/Rhett Johnson	41	233	221	198	29	29	29
Forsyth	Kay Cameron	2	7	5	5	6	2	2
Guilford	Donna Allred	14	58	43	43	11	8	8
Harnett	Lisa Spainhour/Barbara Taylor	40	377	296	292	9	9	9
Iredell	No Name Listed	5	28	14	14	0	0	0
Macon	Bruce Thorne	9	14	14	14	38	30	30
Montgomery	Harry McRae	35	189	162	156	22	22	22
Moore	Nancy Kinney	67	478	277	274	41	30	30
Moore	Jean & Jim Walker	68	394	305	273	0	0	0
New Hanover	Judy Wesolowski	100	758	618	604	0	0	0
Orange	Virginia Banks	6	42	40	35	0	0	0
Pitt	Shawn Jarvis	10	93	89	89	0	0	0
Rockingham	Carl Bray	9	35	31	28	10	6	6
Wake	Robin Baumgart	12	117	66	66	6	4	4
Wake	Carrie & Dave Helston	4	10	10	10	2	2	2
Wake	Dianne Mitchell	10	113	77	77	0	0	0
Wake	Annie Runyon (White Deer Park)	8	57	34	31	21	17	17
Wake	Sally Tiller	22	161	110	97	11	9	9
<b>Totals</b>		<b>688</b>	<b>4,559</b>	<b>3,651</b>	<b>3,503</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>350</b>



**First Egg - March 13 (Gene Moore - Catawba)**

**Last Fledge - September 15 (Carol Reid - Cherokee/Clay)**

*Photo of bluebird at nest box by Glenda Ryan in Raleigh*

We are providing an updated chart of the nest box survey from last year, as some data did not make it to our Winter 2019 edition of *Bluebird Notes*. Some additional 2019 nest box survey comments are listed on page 12. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we work through new processes managing our nesting data.

# ADDITIONAL 2019 NEST DATA COMMENTS

## Nest Data Comments that were missed in Winter 2019 Newsletter

HARRY McREA (MONTGOMERY): Seemed they were later than usual with starting their nests. Only about 25-30% of pairs had three broods. But overall, a very good year.

JEAN & JIM WALKER (MOORE): 1) 2-3rd BB nesting 2) 2 Nest boxes fledged Carolina Wrens 3) 3 of the 4 "Brown Headed "Nut Hatch boxes (smaller holes) were used .... 2 with Brown Headed Nuthatch and 1 with Chickadee.

ROBIN BAUMGART (WAKE): There were 3 of us doing this trail. Catherine Evans and Cindy Hammrick. We took over from Susan Wyatt. Still in learning mode, but it was great fun. We checked the boxes every week.

DIANE W. MITCHELL (WAKE): Record season!! Attentive parents in boxes 2,5 &7 plus more male bluebirds sighted. Box #1 had 15 eggs laid and 14 fledged with 3 successful nests. No nestlings disappeared - screws securing doors and and large baffles seem to be helpings.

ANNIE RUNYON (WAKE): BB nest boxes: 2 boxes had 3 nests and 3 boxes had 2 nests. 1 box had a chickadee nest and a house wren nest. BNNH nest boxes: Each box had one nest. A BHNH nest and a chickadee nest.

## Strategic Meeting held for Bluebird Monitoring Team in Garner

- Monitors for bluebird trails in Garner's White Deer Park and Lake Benson Park met for a winter luncheon at the home of the Reid's.
- Winter was a good time to share ideas for the trail, good bird books, topic ideas for our newsletter and bird art.
- Our NCBS fosters friendship across our state. Let's make 2020 a good year for making new friends.



Left to right: Rick Peifer, Donna Whitaker, Annie Runyan, Diane Mitchell, Joye Stephenson, front, Carol and Ed Reid.

# NCBS PARTNERS WITH DUKE UNIVERSITY

May 15, 2019 the North Carolina Bluebird Society was fortunate to hear from Thomas Owen, affiliated with a Duke program that involved construction of birdhouses. Students of Duke University First Year Engineering Design program are introduced to woodworking with a project that produces useful items. Mr. Owen offered to share their bird houses with our society. He even offered to modify their plans to make them better for bluebirds if we had suggestions.

Steve McDaniel, NCBS County Coordinator for Durham and Ken Kernodle, NCBS Past President responded to Mr. Owen with excitement! Discussion resulted in changes to the original plan Duke was using in order to meet the specifications recommended for Bluebird Nest Boxes by the North American Bluebird Society. Steve undertook this assignment with vigor and developed a set of plans with specifications for Duke students to follow when constructing these bird boxes.

January 5, 2020, Steve received a call from Ali Stocks, Research & Development Engineer with Duke's Engineering School, informing that the Fall Semester's Bluebird Nest Box project was complete! Pictured below are Steve and Ali and Bluebird Nest Boxes!



The North Carolina Bluebird Society is thrilled with this partnership. We look forward to continuing this joint effort that provides education to students and also benefits our beautiful native, cavity-nesting bluebirds of North Carolina. What a win-win story!

Learn more about Duke University Engineering School's First Year Design program from words below provided by Ali Stocks.

"Duke's First Year Engineering Design course engages all first-year students in an authentic, hands-on, project-based design course. Student teams engage in the engineering design process and build low- and medium-fidelity prototypes to solve a community-based need or problem.

In order to learn how to use the tools and equipment located in the student labs, students embark on a Tools Mastery Project designed to become familiar with a group of tools. Students pick two two-week modules out of the following: woodworking, electrical circuits, CAD and 3D printing, and metal machining.

During the woodworking module, students build bluebird houses to learn how to operate drills, circular saws, sanders, and hand tools. First a prototype birdhouse is built, and then the students must accurately replicate that birdhouse. Thus, they learn how to accurately measure, make engineering drawings, and to mark their work. By the end of the module, they have made a functioning birdhouse, ready for the bluebirds! "

To find out more about the First Year Design program, visit [fyd.duke.edu](http://fyd.duke.edu).

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## BITTERSWEET SPRING

**Hello, Bluebirder Friends.**

My report for this newsletter is challenging. I am at a loss for the best words to say in the midst of the continuing coronavirus pandemic. The decision to cancel the Annual Conference May 16, 2020 at Sylvan Heights Bird Park was heartbreaking, but the Board made the best choice for the circumstances.

The wonder of spring this year is tainted by the events related to this awful health concern. I hope you can still experience joy from all the splendor that Mother Nature offers this time of year. The dogwoods and so many other beautiful blooms are springing forth. The sun shining from our Carolina Blue skies will still serve to offer warmth and hope.

And the sights of bluebirds nesting, blue eggs hatching, and baby blues fledging will fill us with inspiration. Remember the obstacles the bluebirds have faced and they have triumphed. And so will we.

**Stay Strong! Stay Positive! Happy Bluebirding!**



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## **WELCOME TO SPRING 2020**



What sights are more pleasing to Bluebirders than the Baby Blues that arrive each year. Spring is an extra special time with anticipation of more of these sweet creatures flourishing. Thanks to Russ Bauman, Buncombe County Coordinator, for this family photo submitted from a previous generation of bluebirds. We thought it was a wonderful representation of the payoff of our efforts in Spring.

It is so refreshing to enjoy the view of a tree full of new Blues and what music to our ears to hear their sweet songs. Check out more spectacular pictures by Russ at [ncbluebird.org](http://ncbluebird.org), NCBS Facebook, and our newsletter archives. Products with bluebird photos by Russ are available for you in our online store, which can be found from our website or the following link:

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