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## North Carolina Bluebird Society Mission Statement

Our goal is to support activities that foster the resurgence of bluebirds and other cavity nesting birds in our home areas.

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## Make Plans Now to Attend the 2014 NCBS “FLY-IN”

If you have never attended a North Carolina Bluebird Annual Meeting, which we affectionately call our “FLY-IN,” make this year the year to go! DuPont Fayetteville Works is hosting our meeting this spring and they are really excited about having the annual bluebird meeting at their site. They look forward to meeting everyone and showing us around their beautiful grounds and nature habitat. They have a great facility which sits on 2,150 acres just southeast of Fayetteville. Only about 400 acres of it are developed and the rest is a beautiful wildlife habitat



which we will tour at 1:00 on Saturday. The company strives to maintain the health and beauty of the natural environment and they have won numerous awards for their efforts. The DuPont Fayetteville Works site has been recognized as a “Signature of Sustainability” by the Wildlife Habitat Council. They are well known for their commitment to biodiversity and conservation education.

Our bluebird annual meeting consist of great fellowship with fellow bluebird enthusiasts, a great meal, coffee, tea and water throughout the day in a banquet

type setting and lots of talk about bluebirds.

We will have several knowledgeable speakers and always learn new things at each meeting. There is a silent auction and raffle where you can bid and win all types of bluebird items of interest. Your odds of winning are great! Much better than the NC Education lottery of which I have not hit the jackpot yet, (but hope to soon.) However I have won many things at our annual meetings! There are also door prizes. The North Carolina Bluebird Society store will also have all its goods for sale at reduced prices. You will really be able to get some great bluebird items at a great price this year but you must be present to win for the bidding.

The board meeting will be Friday night April 25th and the annual meeting is planned for Saturday April 26, 2014, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. You will have a great time, great food and learn much more about bluebirds and you can share your experiences with others. Hope to see you there! See the agenda and hotel information on page four of this newsletter.

*Risa Jarman*



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## Bluebird Tales



### LITTLE HELPFUL SPIDER

Spider in the treetop,  
Spider on the ground,  
Do you have a thimble?  
Can you make a little sound?

I watch you weave so clever,  
Never missing a single stitch.  
Your web of blending colors,  
Filling every niche.

I'd like a little favor,  
If you have some web to spare,  
Just look a little closer,  
and you'll see I tote some bare.

While running in the bushes,  
My breeches swiped a briar,  
And made a little window,  
Where I don't rightly need the "aire."

I think I have a needle,  
If you will give a little thread,  
to close the glowing window,  
Which is now a little dread.

Your deed will be so thoughtful,  
For such a simple gift,  
Your feet can go on dancing,  
If you kindly get my drift.

I saw your front foot motion,  
I will take that for a yes,  
And bless you little spider,  
for your help in my distress

By R.T. Troxler



# Bluebird Tales



## Food for Thought-About Nest Cup Size From Bill Abbey

Bill Abbey, as most of you know, has monitored around forty to fifty bluebird boxes at Forsyth County's Tanglewood Park for over thirty-two years. He wants some input *from others on the speculation that nest cup size determines* the nest size. In the picture below, Bill has noticed that in the higher side cups the birds tend to build a higher nest making the location of the eggs and babies more at risk to predators because they are closer to the entrance hole. He has noticed this in some of the boxes he inspects at Tanglewood, but does not know if this is the case in other areas or just the result of a particular hens nest building skills. He is throwing out a challenge to other bluebird trial monitors to take note this spring to try different cup sizes and types and see if the cup size makes a difference in the size of the nest the pair builds. If we get enough feedback in this experiment, perhaps we could determine the safest size and type of nest cup to use for our bluebirds.

**Hypothesis:** *A taller bluebird nest cup produces a taller nest. You do the science experiment and we will publish the results!*



## R.T. Troxler: An Influential Man and Our Poet This Issue

The composer of the “Helpful Little Spider” poem was my dad (Robert Tinnen,) R.T. Troxler. He was a professor of Industrial Arts Education at N.C. State University. He taught there for forty-four years and retired at age seventy only because they *made* him.

He was always active, building things, walking his dogs, working on his rent houses, but in his later years, he took a class in creative writing. He wrote two poems that I love, one was the spider poem in this issue and one about needing rain in the crop growing season. He also wrote two books. One was about his family on his mother's side, the Squires, and their involvement in World War II. He wrote another book called “Between the Rivers.” It was about his childhood years growing up on a farm on the Haw River near Elon, NC. To me they were so entertaining, all the antics of a family of ten children growing up, working hard and playing on a dairy and tobacco farm.

R.T. had a very humorous and colloquial writing style and wrote all kinds of crazy tales such as “Indoor Plumbing,” “A Jug Full of Yellow Jackets,” “Our First Radio” and the “Old Dead Rooster that Came Back Alive.”

It is amazing to me how much things have changed in the last 100 years. He lived from 1919 to 2002. They slept on straw ticks; we have memory foam. They were excited getting their first radio; we have flat screen HD TV, iPads and Smartphones!

Maybe I got some of my writing interests from him. He was quite a nature lover and I know he would be proud to know his daughter is the editor of the NC Bluebird Society. I'm sure they had many bluebirds on that hundred-plus acre farm. He would be happy to know we have brought them back from their serious population decline, and that they are once again a common sight.

Risa Troxler Jarman

R.T. Troxler



**NCBS 2014 Annual Meeting**  
**DuPont Fayetteville Works**  
**22828 Highway 87 W.**  
**Fayetteville, NC**  
**April 26, 2014**



<b>8:00 – 8:45</b>	Registration – Meet and Greet	
<b>9:45 - 9:00</b>	Welcome - Representative of DuPont Works	
<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	Bluebird Hit Parade	Kay Hindsley
<b>9:15 – 10:00</b>	DuPont Fayetteville Works Wildlife Enhancement Team	Mike Jackson
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	Break – Coffee – visit vendors, view door prizes and silent auction items	
<b>10: 30 – 11:00</b>	Business Session Financial Report Membership Report Nominating Committee Report	Ray Welch Carrie Helston David Hindsley Dave Helston
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	Habitat studies by Appalachian State Graduate Students	Morgan Harris, John Jones and Dr. Lynn Siefferman
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	Lunch	Ziggy’s Piggy
<b>1:00</b>	Door Prizes and Silent Auction – Close	
<b>1:00 – 2:00</b>	Tour of the Wildlife Habitat Area	
<b>2:00 – 3:00</b>	Ms. Pamela Barnes, Wildlife Rehabilitator-Open discussion – Announcement of Silent Auction and Door Prize Winners. <b>YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!</b>	
<b>3:00 – 3:15</b>	Announcement of the 2015 Annual Meeting Location -Adjournment	

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Registration Form – Saturday, April 26, 2014  
 Please mail registration form and check payable to NCBS:  
 Ms. Carrie Helston; 7060 Landingham Drive, Willow Spring, NC 27592

**\*\*\*\*\*REGISTRATION DEADLINE – APRIL 12, 2014\*\*\*\*\***

Name # 1 _____	Name # 2 _____	
Phone # 1 _____	Phone # 2 _____	
Email Address _____	County of Residence _____	
_____Adult(s)	\$20.00 each	Totals \$ _____

*Pictures below from Larry Hines Raleigh, NC  
Look forward to moments like these this  
spring and summer!*



*Happy  
birthday  
to us!!!*



*Two weeks  
later, Larry's  
second  
family of blue-  
birds growing  
strong!*



*Eggs in Nest  
Photos sent  
in by  
Linda  
Greasamar*



*Photo below  
by Russ Bauman*



## Hotel Information for 2014 Annual Meeting



Will you need a room for the 2014 Annual Meeting in Fayetteville? Double Tree by Hilton Hotel (located just off of I-95 at Exit 49) has blocked a number of rooms for the NCBS Annual Meeting attendees at a special rate of \$85.00 / night plus taxes. These rooms will be available for Friday, April 25 and/or Saturday, April 26. The rooms feature 2 queen size beds, wi-fi, refrigeration and micro-wave.

To reserve your room...call 910-323-8282 and advise them you are attending the North Carolina Bluebird Society annual meeting at DuPont and hold your room. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 10, 2014 TO GET THE SPECIAL RATE AND GUARANTEE YOUR ROOM.**

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel  
1965 Cedar Creek Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28312  
Phone # 910-323-8282

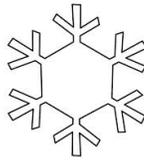
# PICTURES FROM RUSS BAUMAN AND SUSIE



Hey guys....Have you heard the news?  
A Siberian cold front is coming our way!



We better call a meeting!



OK everyone! We can handle this. The Baumans have a heated swimming hole. We'll get our water there. Thank goodness for technology!



Oh Dear! Where the heck is Siberia and why is it coming here? I'm worried.



Darla!! Pull out those extra blankets and fire up the woodstove. Why are you just sitting there like a "bird on a log?"

# BILTMORE LAKE , NC



Yep, I see it coming. It hasn't been this cold since I was in the army!



Joe, Ralph and Sam up here checking the wind chill factor. We think it's about 5 degrees!



I'm frozen. Burrrrrrr!



It's a little warmer up here in this pine. Y'all come over here!



This might be our last warm meal for a while guys! We better eat um' before they freeze!



I'm soooo ready for spring!

This water is not frozen but my feet may be stuck!



# Pictures from M.E. Dossenbach, Durham NC



## VENDORS AND CRAFTSPERSONS NEEDED TO PRESENT AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING IN APRIL

Are you a crafts person, commercial sales person or a vendor of wildlife related items? We would love to have you participate as a vendor at our Annual Meeting on April 26. This opportunity is open to members, non-members, family members, and friends or even ex-husbands or ex-wives! We will have tables available for your use but, please bring a table cover if you desire. If interested, please contact me to reserve a spot.

**SHOW OFF YOUR TALENTS!!**

*Ray Welch (336) 764-0226  
president@ncbluebird.org*



Webelos1 Pack 736 of Clemmons, NC pose for a picture with Bill Abbey who gave a nature talk about our efforts to restore our bluebird populations and about his forty plus boxes on his trail in Tanglewood Park.

## NCBS STORE CLOSING

The NCBS Board of directors is announcing the decision to cease the operation of the NCBS Store in it's current form.

All current merchandise will be for sale at the annual meeting at a reduced price, with the exception of the "In the Nestbox" DVD. Further information will be forthcoming via our online website and the "Bluebird Notes" newsletter. The store closing is effective immediately.

## 2013 NESTBOX SURVEY SUMMARY

Thank you to all who participated in the monitoring of cavity nesting boxes during the 2013 season. The data submitted is very helpful as a resource. Your observations and comments assist as we constantly strive to improve the success of our beloved bluebirds and other cavity nesting birds.

There were monitors who represented sixteen of our one hundred counties in North Carolina who returned survey results. Thank you to those monitors in Alamance, Ashe, Davidson, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Graham, Guilford, Johnston, Lincoln, Moore, New Hanover, Orange, Randolph, Wake and Warren Counties for your input and dedication. Please accept my apology if I have inadvertently left out anyone. We appreciate your efforts and rely on your willingness to share your results.

My first experience at summarizing the survey results has been a joy. I am following some pretty tough shoes to fill. Helen Munro, thank you for your many years of devoted and selfless service for the NCBS. You left a wonderful foundation and archive of information to help those that followed you. You will always be appreciated as a part of the NCBS success.

The following is a general summary of data gathered and shared for the 2013 NCBS Nest Box Survey as of December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013:

Earliest nesting/start date: March 19, 2013 in Guilford County

Latest nesting/start date: April 19, 2013 in Wake County

803 Total number of nest boxes monitored

4,329 Total number of bluebird eggs laid

503 Total number of other cavity nesting bird eggs laid

3,393 Total number of bluebird eggs hatched (995 of total bluebird eggs laid did not hatch)

427 Total number of other cavity nesting bird eggs hatched (76 of other cavity nesting eggs laid did not hatch)

3,337 Total number of bluebird fledglings (55 of hatched eggs did not fledge)

384 Total number of other cavity nesting bird fledglings (43 of hatched eggs did not fledge)

Latest end of season last fledglings dates: August 26, 2013 in Wake County and

August 25, 2013 in Granville County

Comments: Comments proved to be very interesting and even entertaining. I loved the one shared, "A Sign 4 the Times", regarding the foreclosure notice being attached on the nest box located on an empty but well kept lot (owner unknown). This one also came with a photo. Many comments regarded the impact that the weather and dramatic fluctuation of temperatures from warm to cold at the beginning of the nesting season. This resulted in abandoned eggs/nest boxes and even multiple clutches of eggs in the same nest box which resulted in negative success for hatching and fledgling survival. Predators mentioned were: ants, snakes, flying squirrels, feral cats, mockingbirds, green tree frogs, house sparrows and mysterious interference/damage to eggs and nest. Positive results were shared regarding the use of the Krueger trap for snakes. (Comment shared stated that snakes seem to go for 12-day old birds.) Also, baffles were reported as very helpful. Some participants also modified boxes to promote the survival of the brown headed nuthatch. Watching the activities of the beautiful bluebirds throughout the 2013 season even proved to be great therapy by lowering the blood pressure of at least one of our monitors as reported in comments.

Thank you to Jean and Jim Walker for sharing the information regarding your 18 years of monitoring the Club at Longleaf in Southern Pines, NC (Moore County). The total number of bluebird eggs laid stands at 4,968 with 3,341 fledglings. Your long-term dedication is inspiring.

Some comments went from one extreme to another such as, "...worst year ever" to "...best year". It seemed that the wet weather and temperature fluctuations attributed to negative results in numbers of successful fledglings.

Thank you for allowing me to compile the information you have shared. Please use this survey as a guide as you prepare to monitor the 2014 season. Keep up the good work. Happy New Year! I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

*Stella S. Rideout, Director NCBS*

# North Carolina Bluebird Society

## Need Funds for a Project?

As you hopefully know, the North Carolina Bluebird Society (NCBS) annually budgets grant monies that are available for bluebird projects. This program was established for educational programs to promote and provide suitable habitat, as well as increasing awareness of the particular needs of the Eastern Bluebird.

Grants may be award to individuals and/or groups to:

1. Establish new Bluebird trails of nest boxes approved by the North American Bluebird Society.
2. Repair or replacement of nest boxes on existing trails.
3. Educational activities that specifically benefit the Eastern Bluebird.
4. The cost of a Bluebird display or promotional materials.

Since we are currently in the midst of winter, now is a good time to be planning a project. All proposed Grants are evaluated and approved by the Board of the NCBS. Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday evening, April 25, 2014. The Board would love the opportunity to review your project at that meeting.

The Grant procedures and application form can be found on our web site at [www.ncbluebird.org](http://www.ncbluebird.org). Please feel free to let me know of any questions that you may have regarding this process. My contact information may be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

*Ray Welch*



## DIET TIPS FROM DR. BLUEBIRD



**Q: Doctor, I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?**

A: Heart only good for so many beats, and that it... Don't waste on exercise. Everything wear out eventually. Speeding up heart not make you live longer; it like saying you extend life of car by driving faster. Want to live longer? Take nap.

**Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?**

A: Oh no. Wine made from fruit. Brandy distilled wine, that mean they take water out of fruit so you get even more of goodness that way. Beer also made of grain. Bottom up!

**Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?**

A: Well, if you have body and you have fat, your ratio one to one. If you have two body, your ratio two to one.

**Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?**

A: Can't think of single one, sorry. My philosophy: No pain...good!

**Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?**

A: YOU NOT LISTENING! Food fried in vegetable oil. How getting more vegetable be bad?

**Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?**

A: Oh no! When you exercise muscle, it get bigger. You should only be doing sit-up if you want bigger stomach.

**Q: Is chocolate bad for me?**

A: You crazy?!? HEL-LO-O!! Cocoa bean! Another vegetable! It best feel-good food around!

**Q: Is swimming good for your figure?**

A: If swimming good for figure, explain whale to me.

**Q: Is getting in shape important for my lifestyle?**

A: Hey! 'Round' is shape!

**Well... I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets. Dr. Bluebird knows his stuff!**

*Unknown Author-borrowed from Internet*

## MEET THE CAVITY NESTERS

### 6. Tree Swallow



About a half century ago, in a “galaxy” far, far away from Raleigh, I tried to initiate a small study involving the European Starling and, much to the consternation of my colleagues, set up a nest box to attract them. Who took up residence in the box, however, was a pair of fascinating Tree Swallows. These birds were highly active and busily foraging for flying insects for themselves and eventually for their nestlings. Consequently, as I recall, I gave up the intended study and simply enjoyed watching these energetic swallows until the young fledged and they left for more appealing climes.

Tree Swallows are secondary cavity nesters like bluebirds but seem to be doing well despite the constant depletion of available cavities. Nevertheless, they can always use help when natural cavities, like those excavated by woodpeckers, become less common thanks to our propensity for removing dead and dying trees. They will occasionally accept boxes designed for bluebirds, but, if you are specifically interested in attracting Tree Swallows, make the entrance hole about 1½ inches in diameter, but *no larger*. Other dimensions are much like those of a bluebird box except that the floor should be larger, i.e., at least 5 x 5 inches. Placing the box in a large open field, preferably near water or a wetland, is best, but the box my Tree Swallows accepted barely met those criteria. Apparently, the birds are rather tolerant about nest sites; perhaps that reflects the intense competition for them.

Tree Swallows construct their nests of grasses and twigs and lay 4 to 7 white eggs that are incubated by the female for about 14 days. Fledging occurs about three weeks later. Highly skilled aerialists, the adults capture insects in the air with a rather wide mouth although, when it is closed, the bill looks very small. Think Betty Boop if you go back that far.

Inhabiting open areas often near water, Tree Swallows currently breed over most of North America except for the most southern states. Western North Carolina is that part of our state where one can easily observe nesting Tree Swallows, although occasional nesting may occur in the Piedmont and the Coastal Plain. At our coast during the fall season, spectacular flocks, often numbering in the thousands, are seen roosting and gathering prior to migration. The birds spend the winter in southern states, especially Florida, and Mexico and Central America.

Do Tree Swallows compete with bluebirds for nest sites? Yes, they do. Bluebirds often get the better result of such competition. Bluebirds are larger and more aggressive than Tree Swallows. Nevertheless, if we want to help cavity nesting species along with bluebirds, there is a simple solution: reduce competition by “pairing” nest boxes. As we know, bluebirds require a lot of space between nest boxes. Tree Swallows are not as demanding. If we set up a second box within about three yards of a bluebird box, Tree Swallows (and other cavity nesters, but not bluebirds) may use it to raise their young. In fact, Tree Swallows have been known to occupy boxes located *on the same pole* as a bluebird box and raise young successfully.



*Robert G. Wolk*

# "BLUEBIRDS IN ACTION"

# THE BURROWING OWL



Submitted by  
 Bud Clement,  
 Wilmington, NC



Borrowing owls are so named because they live underground in burrows that have been dug by small mammals like ground squirrels and prairie dogs. They are covered in brown spotted feathers and have long legs. They sport distinctive white eyebrows above yellow eyes. They are one of the smallest owls in the United States. They eat small mammals such as moles and mice during the late spring. They later switch to insects especially grasshoppers and beetles. They have been known to eat amphibians and reptiles.

Unlike other owls, they are active during the day, especially in the spring when they gather food for their large broods. They prefer open areas with low ground cover. Current burrowing owl populations estimates are not well known but data suggest declines across their range. Official estimates place them at less than 10,000 breeding pairs.

During the nesting season, burrowing owls will collect a wide variety of materials to line their nest. The most common material is mammal dung from cattle. Researchers believe the dung is used to attract insects, which the owls eat.

Clutch size is three to twelve eggs. The young owls begin appearing at the burrows entrance two weeks after hatching and leave the nest to hunt on their own in forty-five days. The chicks can fly well after six weeks.

Borrowing owls range from Florida to the Pacific and from Canada to South America. They have disappeared from much of their historic range.

*By Betsy Welch*



# “SHARED DELIGHT”

*A Story by Bill Abbey*

“Hey Grandpa, what’s a hobby?” Blurted my young grandson, “Good question!” I say rapidly scanning my memory banks for a good and satisfactory answer for an eleven year old semi-genius. A hobby is an amusing pastime that satisfies one’s need for a relaxing mental or physical activity, while also fulfilling a person’s need to learn.

“What’s an example of a good hobby?” other good question! Lets see I responded. thing you can imagine. They have to be inter- have a lot of money, they should be cheap or healthy,” I added trying to cover all bases. We list of hobbies that readily came to mind start- bandry.” I quickly moved on to the “Bs” which birding – much safer ground!



asked my grandson. An- “Hobbies are about any- esting to you. If you don’t free and they should be proceed to innumerate the ing with “ Aardvark hus- included my hobby - blue-

Well son I continued, “ I can tell you a little about my hobby. I take care of the Eastern Bluebirds over in the park. This means I do everything that I can to help our these beautiful birds survive, and it is a year- round out-of-doors activity that helps me to stay healthy and active.”

In the winter I keep busy indoors with nesting boxes. They are made especially for bluebirds and mimic the tree cavities that the birds prefer. I have to clean them and make sure they are in good repair for the bluebirds use in the spring.



**Chris Shell  
8th Grade  
KMS**

I showed him some nestboxes and carefully explained why the entry hole is exactly one and one-half inches in diameter and why the box is tall rather than wide. I rambled about predators, from humans to cats and from snakes to other birds.

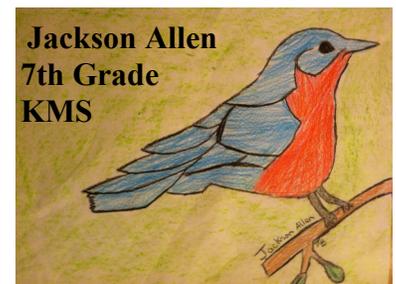
My grandson is a bright young lad (naturally) and this discussion soon began to suggest a great opportunity for us to get closer. What else do you do, grandpa? He continued, interested. I explained that when spring arrives the bluebirds follow a pretty predictable schedule. In late March and early April, here in North Carolina bluebird nest building and egg laying happens. Once the nest is completed the mother bluebird lays four or five blue eggs over a period of as many days, one a day and then

begins the process of sitting on them in order for them to hatch.

While nest construction and egg laying is underway, I monitor boxes once each week. I open the box and look in. I can quickly tell what species of bird has adopted the nestbox and how many eggs have been laid. I record this information in my notebook for each box.

The bluebird babies hatch in about two weeks. Day to day feeding and housekeeping duties for the parents begin immediately. As the babies develop and grow over the nest twenty days, both parents are involved in capturing insects and delivering them to the young birds. Fecal sacks are removed as needed and more food is delivered. Defense of the nestbox is a high priority too. All the while, I come regularly to monitor each box. I check for predator or parasite invasion and record the stage of development and health of the brood.

The day that the babies fledge is always one of the most remarkable and memorable moments of this hobby!



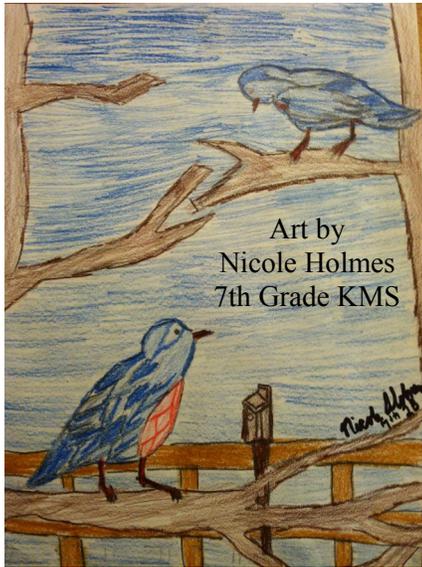
**Jackson Allen  
7th Grade  
KMS**

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# BLUEBIRD STORIES AND ARTWORK

*(Shared Delight by Bill Abbey continued)*

Under the coaxing and encouragement by the parents, each nestling is lured to the entry hole and our into the world. First flights are almost always successful and conclude at a nearby tree branch where they rest and await food brought by the parents. The adult male then assumes the formal duties



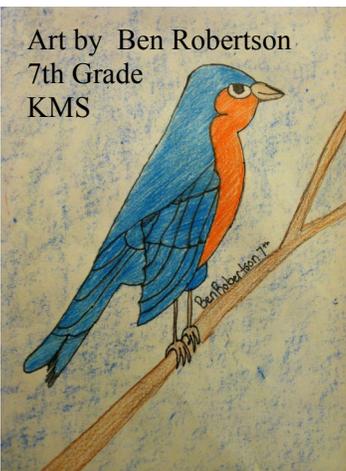
Art by  
Nicole Holmes  
7th Grade KMS

of training the brood to hunt and capture insects on their own... meanwhile Mom rests.

The monitoring task now requires the cleaning of the box to remove nesting residue to make ready for the next nesting attempt. Eastern bluebirds may normally nest as many as three times a summer.

“How do you know all this stuff, Grandpa?” chimes my rapt grand student. “ Books and lots of help from other bluebirders who have done these things for longer than me!” Many experts have written helpful books which can be borrowed from the library or purchased at local bird stores. Organizations such and the North Carolina Bluebird Society offer helpful and immediate advice on problems

faced by monitors - just a phone call away!



Art by Ben Robertson  
7th Grade  
KMS

**NOTE:** The art work accompanying Mr. Abbey's story and to the right were provided by my art students at Kernersville Middle School. I am retired but teach three classes of middle school art every other day and substitute teach. The early finishers on their main project drew bluebirds!

Risa Jarman



Art by  
Heidy  
Balderus  
8th Grade  
KMS



Art by  
Chris Shell  
8th Grade  
KMS

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Tringali  
7th Grade  
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Paul  
Athens  
7th  
Grade  
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# North Carolina Bluebird Society

## NORTH CAROLINA BLUEBIRD SOCIETY (NCBS) MEMBERSHIP FORM

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1 cup crunchy peanut butter  
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Melt and stir these two items together  
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1 cup of flour (If desired, hot sauce)  
May add sunflower chips, chopped raisins or other dried berries

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