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# Bluebird Notes

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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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## NCBS 2008 —Southern Pines, NC

The rain on Saturday, April 5th, was intermittent, but persistent. It did not, however, dampen the spirits of the North Carolina Bluebird Society's annual meeting. Ray Welch greeted the early arrivals with basic bluebird facts and a wonderful question and answer format. Kay Hindsley, pictured below, enchanted the audience by singing her bluebird medley. Acting President/Editor Helen Munro took everyone down her bluebird memory lane emphasizing the ways that bluebirds have affected her life and the role of citizen science in bluebird research. She had acquired some of Jack Finch's slides showing his work with snakes and baffles and listed many of his other research accomplishments. These included distance between non-bonded pairs, dogwood berries as winter feed, "no touch" mealworm feeding, bee harvest, Princess wood production for nest boxes, planting mistletoe, just to name a few. Helen shared the artwork and photography of several NCBS members and former NCBS speakers.



Susan Campbell, pictured below, is a naturalist at Weymouth Woods and presented information on the hummingbirds found in North Carolina, not only in the summer, but also during the winter. She recommends that hummingbird feeders are left up all year and assured the audience that their migration would not be delayed because a feeder was full.

After lunch, everyone was invited to drive to Weymouth Woods. Plans for Susan Campbell to do a mist net presentation were rained out, but she described it with the aid of stuffed birds and announced that banding would be going on at Weymouth Woods over the next couple weeks. Times can be obtained by calling the office (910-692-2167).

Susan Miller of US Fish and Wildlife Service used a Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) cavity cut out of a Longleaf Pine to show how these cavities are created. The reduction in their habitat and lack of burns to keep the understory down have led to their being on the endangered list. Like the bluebird they can benefit from human help.



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# Bluebird Tales



February 16 2008

Dear Helen,

Here is the letter I have been meaning to write for such a long, long time...too long in fact.

Twenty years ago I had the good fortune to meet the late JW Busick of Gibsonville. He introduced me to the wonders of bluebirds and helped me start a trail at Cedarrock Park in 1988. JW was president of our club at that time. He also kept me supplied with functional nest boxes mounted on poles. We started with ten and now monitor thirty. This letter is a tribute to JW and all of our past and present officers and board members who have worked tirelessly over the past years to administer and keep our club vibrant. I want to especially thank Helen Munro who is a real treasure, and Chuck Bliss who initiated the County Coordinator program many moons ago. I was his first volunteer in that program and continue with the job in Alamance County. Go Chuck Go!

Many other hard workers have assisted us over the years like Jim Jochum, Kay and David Hindsley and our very own Jack Finch.

To all our officers past and present plus board members I vote a standing ovation. I thank them sincerely making our club the vibrant organization that we all enjoy today.

Helen, I could not mention everybody but if you know of someone that deserves to be mentioned please put them in...

Love and hugs till we meet at my beloved Weymouth in April.

*Frances Outhwaite, Burlington, NC*



# Bluebird Tales



## Bluebird Pictures

**Date:** January 9, 2008 8:42:58 PM EST  
**To:** "Glenda Ryan" <[glenda@nc.rr.com](mailto:glenda@nc.rr.com)>  
**Subject: Re: bluebird picture**

Glenda,  
Here are the pictures.  
All three pictures were taken on 1/5/08 in my backyard in Guilford County, NC. I had just put out meal worms and suet and they were taking turns eating the food.  
This is the second year that I have had my bluebird house and I have really enjoyed watching the bluebirds.  
Thank you,  
Katy  
Browns Summit, NC



# Geocaching, A World Wide Scavenger Hunt

Last Spring at NCBS 2007 a workshop, *Global Positioning System (GPS) for Bluebirders*, was offered. With the thought of locating all the bluebird nest boxes in Foxfire Village, I bought a Garmin 60CSx and a DVD telling me how to use it.

With that, I established a waypoint for each of the bluebird houses on the Foxfire Village Trail. Obviously, I can find the houses without the GPS coordinates, but they would be useful if someone wanted to compare bluebird trails based on the longitude and latitude.

A side activity of this is geocaching. I am not sure where I first heard the term, but I put it into the browser on the internet and found the website [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

## “What is Geocaching?”

Geocaching is an entertaining adventure game for GPS users. Participating in a cache hunt is a good way to take advantage of the wonderful features and capability of a GPS unit. The basic idea is to have individuals and organizations set up caches all over the world and share the locations of these caches on the internet. GPS users can then use the location coordinates to find the caches. Once found, a cache may provide the visitor with a wide variety of rewards. All the visitor is asked to do is if they take something they should try to leave something for the cache.”

From website—[www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

After I created an account with my user name and password (no charge), I could access the location of geocaches in my area (zip code). There is a map that shows all the geocaches in Moore County. There are at least 200. When 27281 zip code is entered, the website lists them and their distance from Jackson Springs.

Many of these caches contain logs only and each visitor writes in their name, date and home town. One of these was in Jackson Springs with the clue, “Hole in

the Wall.” It took at least twenty minutes to find the small film canister with the small paper log in it. People as far away as New Zealand and Australia had found it and logged in.



There are many GPS systems. The Garmin CSx 60 is intended for bikers or hikers. It has a

map, but this is nothing compared to the one that is



used in cars. A GPS for cars has a detailed map and verbally tells the driver what road to go on and when to turn right or left. If the car misses the turn, it helps it get back on the route toward

the destination.

Unfortunately, the GPS units are expensive. The Garmin CSx 60 was over \$400 and the Garmin nuvi 660 shown here was around \$800, but the prices are coming down. I found a web site, [www.greatlandgps.com](http://www.greatlandgps.com), and was able to get information on less expensive units using their “Contact Us” option.

Geocaching is popular world wide. It is being used by schools to teach longitude and latitude and by parents to get the kids off the couch and outdoors. It is the ultimate scavenger hunt.

I have had the fun of creating a geocache at the Foxfire Village Water Tower. Information on this can be accessed through [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

*Helen S. Munro*

# NCBS Annual Report

*Helen Munro  
Acting President of NCBS  
As requested in the By-Laws*

In 1986 the original charter and by-laws of the North Carolina Bluebird Society was approved by the North Carolina Legislature. NCBS was set up as a (501)C(3) organization which means that donations made to it are tax deductible.

One of the stipulations of these by-laws is that the President furnish an annual report. Since time at the Annual Meeting is always too short, I try to include it in this, the May edition, of the newsletter. It is sometimes disguised as just a news article, but, in one form or another, it is there.

This year is a little different. Many of the Board members (myself included) are getting old enough that younger people need to take over our responsibilities. Working with bluebirds has three parts.

The first is putting up the nest boxes, monitoring and reporting on your successes and failures. The second part is education, i.e. sharing these experiences with Garden Clubs and school groups. The third part is an administrative role where you do the boring part of meeting with other NCBS Board Members, deciding where and what the annual meeting will entail and making sure that the newsletter, website and correspondence reflects well on the organization. For example, an individual NCBS Board Member may feel the need to dispatch the non-protected English House Sparrow, but as a group we do not publish a cry to "kill the murdering House Sparrows." We review what educational material is good; how we can help individuals and individual schools; what county coordinators should be doing, etc.

These NCBS Board Meetings are held four times a year (January, April, July and October). The April one coincides with the Annual Meeting. The other three are held one or two weeks before the publication of the quarterly newsletter which can be reviewed and this helps to avoid typos and any questionable comments.

NCBS is celebrating its 23th year of publishing a newsletter four times a year. We currently have 435 mailed newsletters plus 72 on-line members. The NCBS Store mails out ordered items. Members with expiring memberships are sent reminders in

the mail. Grants for schools and/or individuals are approved and funds disbursed to help with bluebird education and projects. The website furnishes information for anyone that puts "NC bluebird" into a browser or "www.ncbluebird.org" into the address line. The treasury maintains money for a year's operating budget plus currently a \$3800 CD. The non-profit status continues to be verified with the government agencies.

The revisions in the By-Laws were passed by the members at NCBS 2008. The most important one was to change the directors' terms from three years to four years so that elections do not need to be held every year. This means that the officers are elected every two years along with half of the directors. The election of the NCBS Board is more a matter of who is willing to do the job verses an election where there are people fighting for every position. A revised responsibilities list of all the NCBS positions will be included in this newsletter as an insert. Please take a few minutes to read through it and say, "I can do that job!" Plan to come to a NCBS Board Meeting. The next Board Meeting is Saturday, July 19, 2008, at 10 a.m. at the home of David and Kay Hindsley's. (135 Lakeview Drive, Tarboro, NC 27886—(252) 823-0737 [jdhind@earthlink.net](mailto:jdhind@earthlink.net)) After lunch, everyone will be going to Sylvan Heights to see this marvelous facility with beautiful birds from all over the world.

Because of the distances some people will be spending either Friday or Saturday in a hotel or at the Hindsley's. Please call them and let them know you are coming.

The Editor of *Bluebird Notes* is the most time consuming job. In 2006 I had decided that ten years was enough. However, I find that I enjoy it and I intend to do the job as long as I can. It would be great to have a back up, someone interested in writing and training to take over in a couple of years.

**Bluebird conservation and their come-back from near extinction is a success story of which we can be proud. It is easier to respond to a crisis than to maintain the success, but that is what I am asking you to do.**

# NCBS 2008



Photos counter clockwise:

1. Recording Secretary and State County Coordinator Co-Chair Ray Welch lead the Bluebird Forum that kicked off NCBS 2008.
2. Pat Heiderman of Wake County won the hand quilted pillow as part of the First Timer's Drawing.
3. Members and guests enjoyed the Great Room of Weymouth as they reacted to the speakers and the pictures of bluebirds and humming birds.

*Photos contributed by Catherine Traylor and Helen Munro.*

Acting President Helen Munro presented two NCBS Distinguished Bluebird Service awards. Both Fran Outhwaite and Ethelene Allen became Charter members of NCBS in 1986. Both have served as County Coordinators since its conception in 1996. Ethelene is also a charter member of the North American Bluebird Society (NABS) and has attended many of their conventions. Fran has been an writers-in-residence at Weymouth for many years. She was a friend of Sam Ragan's who was editor of the local newspaper and NC's poet laureate. Upstairs in the Weymouth Center is the Literary Hall of Fame into which forty-two Tar Heel Authors have been inducted.

Photo below: Acting President Helen Munro gives Fran Outhwaite a hug as she presents her with a NCBS Distinguished Bluebird Service Award.

Photo to the right of Ethelene Allen was taken at NABS 2007. Her award photo was too blurry to print and the editor apologizes!!



# NCBS 2008



Photo above: Virginia Pickles, State County Coordinator Co-Chair presented the division of NC counties into two areas and each area into three regions. Christine Ammons, NCBS Store Manager, relaxes as she listens.

Virginia along with her husband John, State Co-Chair Ray Welch and V.P. Jimmy Miller are working on dividing up NC into two areas with three regions each. It is hoped that this will allow for meetings among the County Coordinators in a given region and improve the amount of help available for individual bluebird problems and information in North Carolina.

Photo above:(Back Row: Christine Ammons, Ray Welsh, John Pickles & Chuck Bliss. Front Row: Fran Outhwaite, Ethelene Allen, Helen Munro & Bill Satterwhite.

These County Coordinators attended NCBS 2008. Each coordinator received a framed certificate thanking them for their involvement in the County Coordinator Program. This program was started by Chuck Bliss in 1996 so that each county had its own NCBS coordinator to deal with local programs, publicity and bluebird problems. Chair Virginia Pickles is working to identify active county coordinators and recruit new ones and regional and area chairs.

Photo below left: The auditorium of Weymouth Woods was perfect for Susan Miller's presentation on the Red-cockaded Woodpecker.

Photo below right: These are some of the stuffed birds that Susan Campbell used to demonstrate the role of the mist net in catching, identifying and banding birds.



# A Visit with

I love to open my email in the morning and find beautiful bluebird pictures. Some come via the website and others from people who are kind enough to share their skill in capturing these beautiful birds using the eye of the camera.

Frank Ripp of Whispering Pines is one of these people and sent me the pictures on these two pages. The other morning I drove over to Whispering Pines. A report of fourteen bluebirds at one time was something that I had to see or, as they say on television, it would be an opportunity to see “Bluebirds, up close and personal!”

*Helen Munro, Editor*



I stood with Frank in his kitchen and watched the bluebirds flock to the platform feeder. The picture to the left is, of course, Frank’s, but the one below is done with a Sure Shot camera. I counted ten bluebirds enjoying their mid-morning snack!!



The fledgling screams, “Feed me.”

The Flicker enjoys the view, but does not bother the male bluebird as he perches on his home.



# Frank Ripp



This is a wire feeder from Lowes Hardware filled with the "No Melt Suet Recipe."



"We have flocks of Bluebirds now. They come and go many times a day. Must be at least two dozen. They flit around so much to the "suet mix" feeders and mealworms that it is impossible to count them. We had 14 on our platform feeder right outside our kitchen window."

## No Melt Suet Recipe

by *Susan Campbell of Whispering Pines*

1 cup creamy peanut butter, 1 cup lard.  
Melt together and add 2 cups oatmeal, 2 to 3 cups cornmeal, 1 cup flour and a couple tablespoons. Cayenne pepper if you need to keep the squirrels away.

Variation: Add 1/2 cup white mullet or Sunflower hearts.

*As modified by Jean Ripp*

*Frank Ripp, Whispering Pines, NC*

*This is a Forest Friend Log Suet Feeder from the Audubon Workshop.*

Frank put a golf ball on top of a pipe to keep the water from going down into it. These bluebirds thought it made a great "landing spot." He mailed the one on the



right with the subject of "Giant Male Egg."

The picture at the far right is a Great Crested Flycatcher in a pre-1987 Homes for Bluebird Box.



## Hindsight—Bird Feeders

Part of the joys of bluebirds is the fun of feeding them and bringing them to the backyard for my pleasure. All of this is an extension of the bird feeding that we have done over the years starting with a single hopper style with bird seed not fit for bluebirds, but enjoyed by the Cardinals, sparrows and, of course, the squirrels.

For several years I have done the Feeder Watch with Cornell. This sharpened my identification of the birds partaking of whatever feast I had prepared. Advice from an avid bird feeder in Chicago had me trying better grades of birdseed and avoiding the ones with grass seed that always left a telltale area in the feeding area.



This was the year to try some different things. I still ordered the 5,000 mealworms and fed them high protein dog food pulverized in the blender. I had tried the “socks” for the thistle to delight all the finches. I repeated the “Peanut Flavored Nuggets” with the bluebird picture on the bag. I used two “tried and true” tube



feeders with the black sunflower seeds mixed with some peanuts or sometimes replaced with safflower seeds that the squirrels are supposed to avoid. I tried something called “Big



Ol’ Kob” which is a special offering for the squirrels to see if it would keep them from emptying the sunflower seeds. After my trip out to see Frank Ripp’s bluebirds, I mixed up Susan Campbell’s suet recipe and put it into three kinds of feeders; one wooden log feeder, a second log feeder made

of recycled plastic plus a wire feeder. Our back garden looked like modern art gone bad as the different crooks held these offerings for the birds.

So, let's review. How did each variety fare?

**Mealworms:** These were put into two feeders. One was a nest box without the front door. Bluebirds and Brown headed Nuthatches entered and exited with ease. No squirrels! The “hopper” shaped feeder designed for bluebirds with the Plexiglas sides (which I had removed) and holes at either end was a hit with the Eastern Bluebirds and the Mockingbirds. The squirrels used this feeder as part of their highway to the other feeders.

**Seeds in tube feeders:** These feeders were always covered by birds, but unfortunately, the one squirrel put the word out and by the end of this winter four really fat squirrels were scampering up the metal crooks, turning upside down and gorging themselves on these tasty morsels. The safflower seed lasted much longer than the other feed but the squirrels had other choices. They even chewed the bottom of the socks filled with thistle effectively dumping it onto the ground. This explains the knots in the bottom of the socks in the picture. The finches loved the thistle.



**No-melt suet:** A picture is worth a thousand words! I was sure that the squirrels who did this damage would have bleeding gums. When I replaced the wooden log feeder with one of recycled plastic, I thought that that would fix them. Their teeth must be really sharp because the recycled plastic feeder is showing teeth marks. The wire hanging tube attracted the bluebirds and was not attacked by squirrels, but my last batch of lard and peanut butter has Cayenne Pepper in it. Squirrels are supposed

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# Tarboro woman loves bluebirds

By **SHERRY BRUNSON**  
STAFF WRITER

"Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee - ay, Wonderful feeling, feeling this way!" could have been the song of the Tarboro Kiwanis Club Tuesday night.

Mister Bluebird may not have been on her shoulder, but Kay Hindsley, a board member of the N.C. Bluebird Society and North American Bluebird Society, was present to talk about the bird.

About 20 years ago, Hindsley of Tarboro bought a bluebird house to go in her backyard from someone who was selling them door to door. Up to that time, she had thought the bird was fictitious, or a cartoon character.

Her husband, David, placed the house near a back window, so she could see any activity that took place.

"Within two hours we had a pair of bluebirds who had made the house their home," Kay Hindsley said. "From then on, I have loved the blue-bird."

Hindsley said there are three types of bluebird, but the bluebird most commonly found in Eastern North Carolina is the Eastern Bluebird. It has blue feathers on its back and a rust-colored throat, chest and a white belly.

She said bluebirds were declared rare in 1979, due to a destruction of their natural habitats by development, pesticides and natural enemies, such as the European Starling and English Sparrow. The flues in tobacco barns were responsible for millions of their demise.

Then the cavity nesting birds were encouraged to increase through a non-profit program started by Dan Finch of Bailey. He began to build inexpensive houses, that drew the birds, and would encourage others in our area to help them along as well.

Hindsley showed the Kiwanis a DVD presentation of the inside of a bluebird nest. Through it, the



group is shown how the bird builds its nest, lays eggs, hatches the eggs, and feeds the young birds until they mature and leave the nest at a little over two weeks.

She finished the presentation with medley of songs about bluebirds, such as "This is my Father's World," "Zipety Doo Dah," "Over the rainbow," "Bluebirds Over the white Cliffs of Dover" and "Bluebirds of Happiness."

The medley was finished with the melodious song of the bluebird itself.

"The bluebird carries, the sky on its back," said Henry David Thoreau

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## *Bluebirds, Inside the Nest Box*

Recorded by the Cornell Birdhouse Network

Summer 1999

Produced by the North Carolina Bluebird Society

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## County Coordinator Information

North Carolina is a large state with 100 counties and many miles between Manteo and Murphy. The County Coordinator Program was developed in 1998 to provide more local bluebird information sources. The Ohio Bluebird Society had established a successful County Coordinator program and helped develop the North Carolina program by making a presentation at our Annual Meeting in Saxapahaw in 1996.

County Coordinator State Co-Chairs Virginia Pickles and Ray Welch are working with John Pickles and Jimmy Miller to develop a comprehensive program that will increase the ability of the county coordinators to encourage bluebird education at the county level and receive support from the state organization. These plans will be complete in the next couple months.

## Jack Finch in NC Natural History Museum

Jack Finch and the bluebirds are now part of an exhibit in the North Carolina Natural History Museum in Raleigh. This exhibit is on the third floor and in order to see his picture and information, you have to turn the log nest box (below left) around to see his picture on the back (below right).



## Birdfeeders

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not to like it and birds can't taste or smell it. (See page 10 for the recipe.)

**Peanut Flavored Nuggets:** I have had reports that bluebirds eat this stuff. I have never seen any birds including bluebirds on this feeder. However, it is being emptied by a very athletic squirrel!

The "Big Ol' Kob" was a hit with the squirrels. They destroyed it in one day and the

corn was scattered over the ground. This was an expensive way to feed them and next year I will try the cracked corn that Ruth and Bob Stolting put out for their squirrels who then do not attack the other bird feeders.



This thermostatically controlled heated birdbath was popular all winter, but especially when it was below freezing and ice was in the other bird bath. As the birds move into the bounty of summer's natural supermarket, my feeders will go into storage. However, I am already planning for next November and wanted to share this year's experience so that you could commiserate and send me sage advice.

*Helen Munro, Foxfire Village*

# North Carolina Bluebird Society

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I am interested in:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Assisting with the annual meeting  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Serving as a NCBS Board Member  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteering to be a NCBS County Coordinator  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please explain)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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Mountain Bluebird Trails of Montana has produced a children's book on Mountain Bluebirds with some information on Eastern and Western Bluebirds. Check out this website: <http://www.mountainbluebirdtrails.com>

Click on "Children's Bluebird Activity Book."



**Drawing by Duncan Munro, age 6**

**Bluebird House on the left.  
 He is a five year veteran of  
 monitoring bluebird boxes.**

## North Carolina Bluebird Society Survey 2008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Town &  
State: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Boxes monitored: \_\_\_\_\_

Boxes with Bluebirds: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of 1<sup>st</sup> BB egg laid: \_\_\_\_\_

Total BB eggs laid: \_\_\_\_\_

Total BB eggs hatched: \_\_\_\_\_

Total BB eggs fledged: \_\_\_\_\_

2 sets of BB eggs: \_\_\_\_\_

3 sets of BB eggs: \_\_\_\_\_

This is the Survey used for the past couple years. It is printed here so that you will know what type of information is normally required in August. However, this form will be changed between now and August in hopes of simplifying the data. Please send suggestions to [hsmunro@ac.net](mailto:hsmunro@ac.net) or 910-673-6936.

Failed nest attempts for Bluebirds (eggs that didn't hatch, babies that died, fledglings that didn't fledge): \_\_\_\_\_

Type and # of other eggs: \_\_\_\_\_

Predators: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you submitted a survey \_\_\_\_\_

Have you increased or decreased the number of boxes? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, by how many \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out this form and  
Return by Sept 15, 2007 to:  
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