

# Virginia Bluebird Society



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**Nesting boxes have been placed at this site by the Virginia Bluebird Society to encourage bluebirds to nest locally. Other native cavity nesting birds such as tree swallows, chickadees and house wrens may also use these boxes for nesting. On this trail, volunteers open the boxes weekly during the nesting season (April thru August) to check for nests, count eggs and monitor chicks.**

**Bluebirds prefer open habitats like parks and golf courses where they hunt in on the ground for insects. In the winter, bluebirds forage for berries. Bluebirds usually nest in the cavities of dead trees that have been excavated by woodpeckers. Many dead trees are often removed for aesthetic or safety reasons, resulting in a shortage of nesting sites. Also, competition for nest sites with the non-native English House Sparrow and Starling have caused bluebirds to decline. Man-made nest boxes afford the bluebird a chance for continued survival. Please do not disturb or open the boxes. You may harm the chicks.**

**NEST BOXES AT THIS LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_**

**FLEDGED LAST YEAR: BLUEBIRDS \_\_\_\_\_ TREE SWALLOWS \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKADEES \_\_\_\_\_ HOUSE WRENS \_\_\_\_\_**

**FLEDGED YEAR TO DATE: BLUEBIRDS \_\_\_\_\_ TREE SWALLOWS \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKADEES \_\_\_\_\_ HOUSE WRENS \_\_\_\_\_**

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