

2011 BLUEBIRD MONITORING REPORT
THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SEASON EVERYONE!
WE'LL START MONITORING mid-MARCH, 2012.

NOTES:

- Boxes were monitored from March 28 to August 11, 2011, a total of 20 reports.
- First bluebird sighting was on March 28 at box 19, both male and female. (Weird, this is the exact same as in 2010!)
- First partial bluebird nests were found on March 28 in boxes 11 and 12.
- First bluebird eggs were documented on April 17 (little late from previous years) in boxes 2, 5, 7, 13, 25, and 31.
- Dead juvenile birds of all types (BB, CC, HW, and TS) found on May 16, 22, and June 11... a total of 24 young birds. There were also a total of 18 eggs found due to not hatching or predation.

REPORTED SPECIES SIGHTINGS:

Eastern Towhee
Eastern Cottontail Rabbit
Hawk?
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Toad

Indigo Bunting
Raccoon
Black Rat Snake (coiled in box #19, a nice surprise for Giuseppe)

BLUEBIRDS:

20 Complete Nests Counted
80 Eggs Counted
67 Fledglings Counted – 10 juv. dead - 6 eggs left = 51

CAROLINA CHICKADEES:

4 Complete Nests Counted
16 Eggs Counted
16 Fledglings Counted – 5 dead = 11

HOUSE WRENS:

18 Complete Nests Counted
92 Eggs Counted
67 Fledglings Counted – 6 juv. dead – 12 eggs found = 49

TREE SWALLOW:

1 Complete Nest Counted
5 Eggs Counted
5 Fledglings Counted – 3 dead= 2

SUMMARY:

2011 Bluebird population is steady with reports from 2009 and 2010!!!
Wren population is much lower than in 2009 (which saw really high numbers of wrens).
Concord Field was burned in 2010 and 2011, not 2009. Maybe we are seeing decrease of wrens due to habitat alteration; however bluebird numbers stay continue to stay the same or rise slightly. We have seen dead juvenile birds for two years in a row now... some boxes may be getting wet, always during end of May, beginning of June. Will look into it on other bluebird websites/reports.

