

Ontario 2017 Eastern Bluebird Nest Box Survey

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____ Telephone: () _____

Email: _____

County where bluebird boxes are located: _____

If more than one county, number in each; _____

How many bluebird boxes did you monitor? _____ Total number of boxes on your trail? _____

How many times did you check your trail during the nesting season? _____

Number of boxes used successfully¹ by Eastern Bluebirds? _____

Number² of successful Eastern Bluebird nestings (broods) _____

Number of young EABL's fledged³: _____ Unsuccessful Eastern Bluebird nestings⁴: _____

1. "Used successfully" means at least one bluebird was fledged. More than one nesting per box equals one box used successfully.
2. Include all Eastern Bluebird nestings in each box; for example, two broods raised in one box equals two successful nestings.
3. A young bird is said to be fledged when it leaves the nest box on its own power.
4. Include in this category if a nest was built and eggs were laid, but for some reason no Eastern bluebirds fledged.

Number of Eastern Bluebird eggs laid in boxes: Blue _____ White _____

Number of EABL eggs known to have hatched: _____

Number of EABL eggs which did not hatch _____

Number of eggs for which fate unknown: _____

Description of Box

Top opening: _____ Side opening: _____ Front opening: _____

Depth from bottom of hole to floor: _____ Inside dimensions _____

Wood type and thickness: _____ Colour of box: _____

What sort of predator protection was used, if any? _____

Record the number of pairs of EABL's on your trail on the middle of the next page.

Successful Nestings of Other Species:

House Wren: _____ Tree Swallow: _____ Tree Swallow Unsuccessful Nestings : _____

Black Capped Chickadee: _____ House Sparrow: _____

Banding Totals

Eastern Bluebird: _____ Tree Swallow: _____

Name of Bander: _____

Number of years you have maintained a nest box trail: _____

What methods were used to discourage House Sparrows: _____

Date of first Eastern Bluebird sighting in 2017 _____ Number of EABL's seen: _____ Date of last Eastern Bluebird sighting in 2017 _____ Number of EABL's seen: _____

Number of pairs of EABL's represented by your nest box trail: _____

Has the population of EABL's in your area decreased over the past 5 years? _____

Number of pairs of Eastern Bluebirds in your area nesting in natural cavities: _____

Where are your boxes located? Please circle.

Pastureland

Open Field

Cereal Crops
(corn, barley, oats, wheat, etc.)

Hedgerow

Woodland Edge

Railway Tracks

Lawn

Cemetery
(any mowed area, park, golf course)

Roadside

Orchard

Garden

If eggs or nestings were lost, indicate the importance of the **presumed cause** (Number "1" for the most important to "9" for the least important).

Pesticides/
herbicides _____

Humans _____

Raccoons _____

House Wrens _____

House Sparrows _____

Squirrels _____

Snakes _____

Blowflies _____

Weather: _____

Other: _____

Would you be willing to share your trail and experiences with others? _____

Suggestions for changes in survey or overall comments: _____

Did you receive C.W.I.P. funding? Yes

No

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