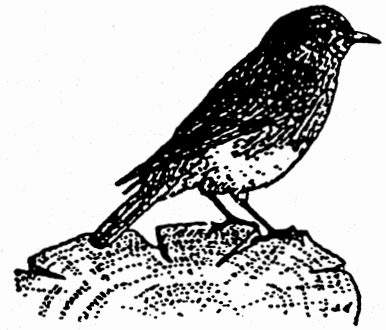


# Ontario Eastern Bluebird Society

2002 Spring Newsletter

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Welcome to the spring newsletter! The AGM is set for Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington Ontario. This will be our 13<sup>th</sup> annual meeting since the first in 1990.

Last winter, 2000-2001 was much colder with snow cover for almost four and one-half months. This winter 2001-2002 has been the mildest since records have been kept with lower than average precipitation.

This should bode well for winter survival of EABL's and other cavity nesters. I have observed many kestrels over wintering in Southern Ontario in 2001-2002.

Record numbers of tree swallows should also be returning to compete with the bluebirds. Twining of boxes may be necessary on some trails. Winter survival for house sparrows and raccoons will also be higher than normal. Adequate predator protection to prevent climbing animals reaching the nestbox will be necessary in 2002.

After 16 years and 11 months at 165 Green Valley Drive, I have moved to my new address at 24 Brant Place, Cambridge Ontario N1S 2V8.

I could not believe all the stuff I have accumulated. My next move may well be the Victoria Park cemetery 2 blocks away!! Hopefully this won't be for some time. There is an old saying that you spent the first 40 years accumulating stuff and the next 40 years getting rid of it. I will look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM on March 16.

Bill Read

## Boxes for Sale

George Coker has nestboxes for sale. His famous mudroom box is only for \$5.00 each. George has donated much of the proceeds to OEBS over the past three years. These boxes are a real bargain and George will show you how to secure them against predators. Call George at 1-905-643-2033.

## T-Shirts

Marion Laing will have for sale, OEBS t-shirts (\$15.00) and some sweatshirts (\$20.00) available at this meeting.

## 2001 OEBS Conservation Award

This award is given out annually to an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution to bluebird conservation during the previous year.

Last year's winner was Norm Shantz from Kitchener. This year's winner will be announced during the business meeting.

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual OEBS AGM

Royal Botannical Gardens Headquarters  
Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002

	9:00 a.m.	Register
	9:30 a.m.	Business Meeting
	9:45 a.m.	Members nestbox reports
11:00 -	11:15	Coffee Break
	11:15 a.m.	Don Wills
12:00 -	1:15	Lunch
	1:15 p.m.	Jon McCracken, Prothonotary Warbler Update
2:45 -	3:00 p.m.	Coffee Break
3:00 -	3:45 p.m.	Mary Gartshore, Carolinian Canada
3:45 -	4:00 p.m.	Bucket Raffle

*Anyone wishing to contribute to the bucket raffle can bring your item to the meeting.*