



Bluebird Monitor

OBS encourages good stewardship
by **Monitoring** our Trails

Fall 2014



Mission Statement

The Ohio Bluebird Society was formed in 1987 to support the return and the perpetuation of the Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) and other native cavity nesting birds in Ohio. To this end, the Ohio Bluebird Society will strive for the best methods to use, conserve and create habitat for the protection of these species.

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Deadline for Submitting Articles:

- Spring Issue - February 1
- Summer Issue - May 1
- Fall Issue - August 1
- Winter Issue - November 1

Hello, from the OBS President

By Jay K. Brindo



Hello everyone, I am Jay Brindo, the newly elected President of The Ohio Bluebird Society. I was asked by the newly elected Trustees in our October business meeting to address you.

First let me say what an honor this is for me. Years ago after building and installing my first nesting box, I came back home from monitoring it and ecstatically said to my wife, "I've got Bluebird eggs!!!" She said with a smile, "oh they're your eggs!?"

I was so excited and so invested, I guess in a way I took ownership of those eggs and have never looked back. This year my 67 box trail produced 121 BB fledgling, the best year since 2010 despite the hard cold winter of 2013-14. Being your President is just as much a new challenge as building and monitoring that first box. But I've learned from experience that helping nature brings rewards far beyond one's imagination. My second passion in life is that I am a musician. It's not uncommon to find me at a local winery or coffee shop playing my guitar and singing a few Beatles song. Entertainers call playing out like that for the public a "gig". In relating that to all these years of working to help the Bluebirds, the opportunities and doors that have opened have always been a good "gig". Nature has given back to me way more than I deserve or thought possible.

Second, I want to thank each and everyone of you for all you do to help nature. When I give talks to different groups, I always end by asking them to be kind to nature. We all know Bluebirds are just one small part of the larger family we all belong to.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to a very special friend to OBS, Marcella Hawkins. Marcella has stepped away from her position as Executive Director to pursue her other interests and get some much needed rest. It's just impossible in this newsletter's

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limited space to list all that she's done for OBS. The "domino affect" of her actions is limitless. OBS and all that we are trying to accomplish today is because Marcella stepped to the plate years ago and took on the challenge of awaking a sleeping organization. Please join me in saying -- thank you Marcella!

I see as I write this that our Vice President, Mike Watson has posted some 3,352 and counting Bluebird fledglings on our website. These numbers reflect the efforts of hundreds of volunteers around the state who are taking ownership of their trails by monitoring their boxes and submitting their data. Tell me how many other nature organizations have numbers like this to reflect such dedication. Young people working with nature conservation always inspires me. I'm so impressed by the Ohio Young Birders Club and the work those students are doing. This was founded by the Black Swamp Bird Observatory and OBS needs to be here to help support and encourage all their efforts. Remember,

we are not competing, we are a team asking, what can I do to help you?

The new Trustees are working very hard to examine sustainable opportunities toward our organization's future. I've personally spoken with the President of the North American Bluebird Society (NABS) and even they are facing the same economic challenges of trying to make the dollars go farther while keeping the services members have come to expect and enjoy. With new and sometimes intimidating technology comes a variety of cost-saving tools for outreach, public education and marketing. But sometimes it's hard to make these scary changes even though we know in our hearts it will help future generations enjoy what we have today. Please ask yourself what you can do to help. Everyone plays an important roll in this opera.

I want you to know that we, as a cooperative team, will do all we can in the upcoming new year to faithfully uphold the OBS Mission Statement. Change is in the air and sometimes with change comes questions. Please be assured we all know how fortunate we are to be playing in this "gig" for the Bluebirds and will do our very best. My phone and my email are always available to you for your comments and feedback. I look forward to being of service to you and will try my very best. I will make mistakes but I ask for your patience, understanding and support. Again, many thanks to all and remember, please be kind to nature.

*Jay K. Brindo
OBS President*



Bluebirding with a Mission

By Penny Brandau, OBS Trustee



Mission statements sometimes inspire me with their lofty ideals and sometimes cause me to ponder how they could ever be achieved! Since I am a member of the Black River Audubon Society in northern Ohio and have read their mission statement many times I find myself reflecting on how that mission statement is being accomplished within its bluebird program. “The mission of the Black River Audubon Society is to provide conservation of ecosystems, focusing on birds and other wildlife through advocacy, education, stewardship, field trips and programs for the benefit of all people of today and tomorrow”. Lofty? Perhaps! Achievable? That is a good question!

“Conservation of ecosystems and a focus on birds and other wildlife”... There is no doubt that the Black River Audubon Society’s bluebird program with its 27 trails and 410 bluebird boxes provides an invaluable conservation resource for native cavity nesting birds to raise their young. In 2014 our 33 volunteer bluebird monitors who managed these boxes (and 40 other privately owned boxes) recorded the fledging of 230 house wrens, 800 tree swallows, 33 black capped chickadees, 6 tufted titmice and 460 eastern bluebirds for a total of 1529 native young fledglings! That is a lot of bird conservation focus! Since these boxes are in diverse habitats throughout the Lorain County area including parks, cemeteries, golf courses, community centers and even a nursing home the monitors have had many opportunities to be advocates for the birds they love by explaining the birds’ nesting habits and needs to others as they check boxes and record their notes.

“Through education and advocacy... stewardship and programs...for the benefit of all people of today and tomorrow”

Submitting information on hundreds of nesting attempts from our bluebird program to Cornell Lab of Ornithology’s website citizen science program Nestwatch helps provide very important data as status and trends in the reproductive biology of birds is tracked. Classes for the general public at local libraries to teach “Bluebirding Basics”, training for new



monitors and a partnership with a local college ecology class for service learning projects related to bluebird conservation were some of the ways the bluebird program helped educate both young and old. Partnering with a group of homeowners to help them become knowledgeable and successful bluebird landlords, teaching a young Girl Scout troop how to make their school garden a more bird friendly habitat (and knowing that many other young students will also learn and benefit from this green area) were ways the mission statement was achieved. To see the wonder on the face of a small child who is seeing nestling bluebirds for the first time feels like much more than education and advocacy but that is exactly what is happening. To know that memory impaired seniors sitting near a window of their nursing home could look out and see nesting bluebirds or house wrens makes the bluebird program seem like more than the word “benefit” implies.



I guess mission statements can seem lofty sometimes but being with a dedicated group of bluebird lovers has made the work rewarding and the friendships precious as much has been achieved! To see the flash of blue wings and hear the soft murmuring song of nearby bluebirds is a special joy that I hope many more generations will be able to experience. We wish you bluebirds!



Member News

New For 2015

Ohio Bluebird Society Legacy Fund

Whether you have been a loyal bluebird enthusiast for decades or merely enjoy the sight and song of this beautiful species, the Ohio Bluebird Society is pleased to offer you a way to extend your appreciation for bluebirds for many years to come. By participating in the Ohio Bluebird Society Legacy Fund you can preserve the memory of dedicated bluebirders and bird enthusiasts, while providing nest boxes for the cavity nesting birds you love and enjoy.

Beginning on November 17th, 2014 you will be able to make a donation of \$125 or more to OBS and designate that the donation be used to honor a specific individual. In return, the OBS volunteers will build, erect, maintain and monitor a quality, cedar bluebird box on the closest trail available containing prime habitat for bluebirds. Each box will be tagged with a decorative, plaque containing the honoree's name and you will be notified when the box is officially placed on an existing bluebird trail. All Legacy boxes will be in place for the upcoming breeding season. The personalized nest box will commemorate the efforts and interests of the honoree and provide a much needed home for countless, energetic broods of baby birds.

Additional boxes may be purchased for \$100 each and special OBS Honoree Grants of \$1,000 or more will receive customized benefits in accordance with the donor's wishes. Should you want to designate specific naming rights to a portion of the next Ohio Bluebird Society Conference, create a special award for dedicated Bluebird Society members that reflect the spirit of an honoree or simply establish an entire bluebird trail dedicated to the honoree, the OBS Honoree Grant is an excellent option. We guarantee that the OBS will use the OBS Grant commensurate

with the wishes of the donor and we will gladly meet with you to discuss all available options. The OBS Legacy Fund should be considered a practical alternative to traditional birthday, anniversary or holiday gifts because it is an honor that every bird enthusiast would enjoy. Who wouldn't want to see an honoree's name on a nest box, knowing that their generous donation facilitated the life of more beautiful bluebirds?

As this program develops and gains popularity we plan on using the proceeds from the Legacy Fund to support educational OBS events and create a scholarship fund for prospective high school students that have demonstrated an interest in ornithology and habitat conservation. In conducting educational programs and helping interested students we believe that we are further supporting our mission statement of perpetuating Ohio's cavity nesting birds.

The enclosed form should be used when submitting an OBS Legacy Fund donation and we will confirm receipt of your donation shortly after receiving the completed form. If you have questions about the Legacy Fund, please leave a message on the dedicated OBS information telephone line (330 466 6926) and we will respond in a timely manner.

Please consider the OBS Legacy Fund when giving your next gift because your donation will allow the OBS to do more to help Ohio's native bluebirds and other cavity nesting species.

Sincerely,
OBS Trustee Chuck Jakubchak

see form on the following page

Ohio Bluebird Society Legacy Fund Honoree Designation Form

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of person you wish to honor: _____

Name as it should appear on nest box plaque: _____

Legacy Fund Donation, check where appropriate:

_____ 1 nest box @ \$125

_____ Number of additional nest boxes @\$100 each

_____ Total number of nest boxes requested

Preferred location of Legacy Box. Please specify city in Ohio. If no preference, please indicate:

OBS Honoree Grant Amount:

(We will contact you to discuss further).

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Ohio Bluebird Society

Mail to:

Ohio Bluebird Society
PMB 111, 343 W. Milltown Rd.
Wooster, OH 44691-7214

Donations = \$85

Barry Bowden \$10

Ellie Kidwell \$75 from 4-H project

Welcome New Members

Cummins, Steve

Fisher, Todd

Klopfer, Pamela

McLean, Mari

Seidel, Linda K

OBS Business Meeting

Saturday, February 21, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

The Wilderness Center

9877 Alabama Ave SW, Wilmot, OH 44689

Please RSVP

330.359.5235

www.wildernesscenter.org

Deadline for 2015 Awards

It's time again to nominate worthy individuals for the Blue Feather and Wildlife Conservation Award. Read more on the Awards Page of our website:

www.ohiobluebirdsociety.org/blue-feather-award



A New Way to Support OBS!

Shop Online With Amazon Smile

What is AmazonSmile?

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Ohio Bluebird Society every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to OBS.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to AmazonSmile to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select a charitable organization like The Ohio Bluebird Society to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make on AmazonSmile will result in a donation.

Can I change my charity?

Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards your newly selected charity. To change your charity, sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select "Change your Charity" in "Your Account."

What charities can I choose from?

You can choose from almost one million eligible 501(c)(3) public charitable organizations. The Ohio Bluebird Society is eligible as a 501(c)(3) public charitable organizations.

What if my selected charity does not register to participate in the AmazonSmile program or becomes ineligible?

If an organization does not register to participate or becomes ineligible, you will have a chance to select a different organization or we will redistribute donations earned among other organizations receiving donations.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate **0.5%** of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to The Ohio Bluebird Society. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

Can I receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from my purchases on AmazonSmile?

Donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation and are not tax deductible by you.



Out of the Box

THIS IS A WHITE
BLUEBIRD I OBSERVED AT
BARNESVILLE MEMORIAL PARK
THIS SUMMER.

WHEN I FIRST SAW IT, IT
WAS BEING FED BY AN
ADULT. EVENTUALLY IT WAS
FEEDING ON ITS OWN AND
I WAS ABLE TO ENJOY
WATCHING IT FLY FOR A
COUPLE OF MONTHS.



SOMEONE SAID THEY
WATCHED IT A COUPLE

OF WEEKS AGO, BUT I
HAVEN'T SEEN IT MYSELF.
IT DEFINITELY WAS A
SIGHT TO SEE IN FLIGHT.

HOPE YOU ENJOY THE PICTURES
AND CAN USE THEM IN
YOUR NEWSLETTER.

JOHN SAWVEL



Blooming Bluebirders



Hello,

My name is Samuel J. Waller, and I would like to thank the Ohio Bluebird Society (OBS) for helping me with my project. And by project, I mean my recently completed Eagle project. I am a member of the Boy Scout Troop One Akron, Ohio, and I'm working on achieving the Eagle rank. In order to earn the rank of Eagle, a Scout must complete a leadership project that serves to benefit the community.

For my project I led a team of Scouts and Scouters who built and installed 10 bluebird boxes at Akron General Hospice Care Center. I chose to do my project at Hospice Care Center because the medical team, staff, and volunteers helped my family at a difficult time. My grandfather was a patient there last spring. During his stay I often walked around the grounds and noticed the peaceful beauty of the area.

When I contacted Hospice, I learned that they are turning their property into a state recognized nature preserve. Diane Hovatter, Master Gardner, had spotted bluebirds in the area. We thought putting a bluebird trail would give the patients and families something to enjoy when looking out the windows or taking a walk around the grounds. Being reminded of the beauty of nature at a time when someone is losing a loved one is comforting.

I attended the Ohio Bluebird Society Convention last February where I met many helpful people including Jay Brindo. Mr. Brindo helped me by giving me pointers

on how to build the boxes, the proper way to arrange the trail and how to do it all to enhance the well-being of the bluebirds for the long-term. He even donated the predator guards for my project. I had a great time walking his bluebird trail and learning more about the beautiful bluebirds.

Becoming involved with OBS and Hospice as well as all of the wonderful people who helped make my Eagle project a success is something I will always hold dear. My hope is that others that have loved ones at Hospice will feel uplifted just a little bit and enjoy seeing the bluebirds bring life to the beautiful grounds. Thank you.

 **AKRON GENERAL**
VISITING NURSE SERVICE
Hospice Care

Hospice Care Center
3358 Ridgewood Road
Akron, OH 44333
330-665-1455
800-335-1455
330-668-4680 (fax)
www.vnsa.com

July, 2014

We have our ten new bluebird houses on the Hospice Campus that were built and installed by Eagle Scout, Sammy Waller, in May of this year.

Mr. Jay Brindo, member of the Ohio Bluebird Society, came to Hospice and walked the campus grounds to help find the perfect trail for the bluebird boxes. This trail runs along our east side of our campus. As of last week, we have two house wrens and one tree swallow. With the bluebird boxes installed, we've had many family members who walk the grounds. They comment on the coming and goings of the many different types of birds. Bird watching seems to help take their thoughts from what is going on with their loved ones and family members who are patients in the Hospice Care Center, to connecting with nature on the outside. It is a quiet time to help relax, get some fresh, air and renew their body and their mind.

We also have cut back on our use of chemicals on the grounds. We work closely with Lewis Landscaping Inc. who maintains our lawn areas. They are helping with the responsibilities of being good stewards for the land.

And on those days when you just can't get outside . . . we have a binder of a printed version of Mr. Brindo's CD on bluebirds in the Great Room so family members, as well as the patients, may look through and learn about blue birding, connecting with nature, and helping to find joy in the simple things in life.

We here at Akron General's Visiting Nurse Service Hospice Care are committed to improve the health and lives of the people and communities we serve.

Diane Hovatter
Groundskeeper/Horticulturist
Akron General Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Care
3358 Ridgewood Road
Akron, OH

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OHIO BLUEBIRD SOCIETY
 Year End Financial Report
 (Fiscal Year - October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014)

GRAND TOTAL as of October 1, 2013 **\$15,587.13**

CD
(Matures on November 24, 2014)
 Balance on October 1, 2013

10,311.41

Checking Account
 Balance on October 1, 2013

3,099.20

Income

Total interest	16.43
Donations	687.00
Memberships	4402.18
Conference income	5679.82
Bob Evans Project	<u>103.00</u>

Total Income 10,888.43

Expenses

Cell phone	407.33
News Letter	2212.00
Postage	72.83
Website	505.00
Board meeting lunches	125.50
Web design	440.00
Insurance	500.00
Conference expenses	6827.21
Miscellaneous	<u>263.26</u>

Total Expenses 11,353.13

Balance September 30, 2014 2,634.50

Savings Account

Balance on October 1, 2013 2,176.52

GRAND TOTAL as of September 30, 2014 **15,122.43**

NET LOSS for Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 **(464.70)**

Diana Plant
Treasurer



Ask Madame WingNut

Be Prepared

by Paula Ziebarth

Most of the phone calls OBS Area Contacts receive are from people in a panic because their Eastern Bluebirds have been attacked, killed, or downright disappeared. If they are lucky, the breeding adults survive and will nest again in a safer place. If they are not so lucky, they may need to scramble to save young that are injured or orphaned. Jay Brindo asked me to write an article about this problem and the Scout motto “Be Prepared” came to mind. This motto has been used by millions of Scouts around the world since 1907. It seems a fitting title for this article, as many of the trails I have monitored or helped with over the years were installed by Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts.

Being prepared involves a proactive, rather than reactive state of mind. It means you are ready to do your duty, no matter what. It means having the materials and knowledge at the ready. It means knowing where to turn when you need help. When you set out a nest box, you are responsible for the lives of the birds you entice to use that box and it is a responsibility that should not be taken lightly.

1. Minimize Risk

- Install a well designed nest box on free standing pole with proper predator baffle.
- Install in proper habitat away from wood edge or brushy areas where House Wrens are likely to attack eggs or young.
- Keep cats indoors.
- Control nonnative House Sparrows. Don't feed them or house them. Actively control them by trapping using inbox traps and/or repeat bait traps.
- Monitor at least once per week and keep good data.

2. Materials

- Have dry pine needles or dry grass ready to fashion a nest to replace old nest if it becomes rain soaked or infested with ants.
- Grease or Tanglefoot to use as ant barrier on pole if needed.
- Van Ert inbox traps
- Something to safely transport injured young or adults if needed – an old shoe box works well. A small soft bag or bandana can be used to keep young safe if you need to make quick nest change.

3. Knowledge and Help

- OBS and NABS are great sources of knowledge for helping Eastern Bluebirds.
- My favorite educational website is www.sialis.org
- Know the phone number and address of the wildlife rehabber closest to you. If something untoward does happen, you should not try to feed or treat injured birds yourself. It is illegal to do so unless you are licensed and you are likely to accidentally kill the birds you are trying to help.

- Fostering – sometimes an adult or both adults are killed or disappear. Single parents can raise young by themselves if this happens, as long as the female survives to brood (keep warm) very young birds that have not broken feathers yet. If the birds are very young and lose their mother, or if both parents are lost, a young bird's only chance for survival in the wild will necessitate fostering.
- Know the phone number of your OBS Area Contact. Area Contacts deal with many trails and monitors and should have a good foster match for orphaned young. For fostering to work, the age of the orphaned young must be within a day or two of the age of the natural young in the nest(s) you put them in. You cannot put too many young in one nest. Naturally, Eastern Bluebirds have broods that do not exceed six young and you need to make sure to keep final brood (orphans + natural young) to six or less.
- Data – I use Cornell Lab of Ornithology's NestWatch database to enter, compile, and study data. This is a great tool to oversee the health and progress of the birds. It is a wonderful tool when the need to foster young occurs. I have access to my own trail data along with many other monitors that I help in my area. This gives me a large database to turn to if I need to place orphaned young.

On a final note, I would encourage everyone reading this to get to know other people involved in native cavity nester conservation in your area. You will learn from each other and help one another. Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it. Become a mentor to someone getting started. Enable our youth to carry on the conservation legacy we have begun.

I met my mentor and best friend Darlene Sillick about 12 years ago when I began my journey as a Bluebird Trail monitor. She was on the listening end of that panicked phone call. She taught me a lot over the years and we have become cohorts in conservation. Foster birds if you need to, but by all means, foster friendships. This is the only “hobby” I know where you can do both.



An experienced monitor of over a dozen Bluebird Trails in central and northern Ohio, Madame WingNut enjoys all creatures that fly, regardless of their stage of development.

Send your questions to Madame WingNut at: info@ohiobluebirdsociety.org or by mail to PMB 111, 343 W. Milltown Road, Wooster, OH 44691.

The Importance of OBS Nest Box Reports

by Mike Watson

On July 12, the newly-seated OBS Board of Trustees met for the first time. One major goal of that meeting was to establish committees to address the most important, mission-relevant activities that OBS addresses. One of the committees formed at that meeting is the OBS Data Management Committee.

The immediate goals of this committee are:

1. Maintain and update a yearly count of native fledglings
2. Increase the number of nestbox reports submitted each year
3. Identify and contact other organizations that have bluebird programs but which have not submitted reports in the past.

The intent of this article is to explain why these data are important and talk briefly about how you can help.

Why are these numbers important?

This may sound like a simple question, but I think it's an important one to ask. We know that we're never going to be able to record every single bluebird fledged in Ohio. But that doesn't mean our data are not valuable. There are, in my opinion, four ways in which these data are highly valuable.

First, as a direct measure of your and OBS's hard work. The OBS mission states that we were formed to support "the return and the perpetuation of the Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) and other native cavity nesting birds in Ohio." Fledgling counts are one way to document our success towards our stated mission. These numbers give us direct insight into the success and growth of the cavity nesting bird populations across the state. In 2013, for example, OBS members reported nearly 16,000 native fledglings, of which just over 6,000 were bluebirds. That's A LOT of new native birds that are a direct result of YOUR hard work.

Second, these reports are valuable because they are one way that our members can become part of a larger community. Backyard bluebirding can be fun and rewarding, but by reporting your results to OBS you are, in a way, connecting with all the other members across the state, and a reminder that 'your' bluebirds are part of the overall bluebird population.

Third, these reports allow OBS to track bluebirds (and other species) across time and across a large geographic area. Better

reporting means that we can better understand what is happening in the bluebird population across the state.

Finally, these reports might provide guidance for changes in how people manage their birds. Patterns in the numbers might indicate that certain techniques are more important or more successful in some areas or at certain times of year. It can also indicate changes in competitor species, which might prompt changes in how we deal with those competitors.

How Can You Help?

Those of you who have submitted reports in the past – thank you and please continue to do so. Those of you who have not, please consider sending your data in the future. We typically receive reports from only about 20-25% of our members, representing about half of Ohio's counties.

And, please contact OBS if you know of organizations with bluebird programs (e.g. county parks, etc). These organizations often have large bluebird trails, and big fledgling numbers; these are the low hanging fruits of OBS data. We'll check our list and if we aren't receiving reports from those organizations, we'll make sure someone from OBS contacts them.

	2014 results (as of 29 October, 2014)		4yr average (2010-2013)	
# of reports	48		82	
	#fledged	# per report	#Fledged	# per report
Eastern Bluebird	3347	69.7	5527	67.4
Tree Swallow	4220	87.9	4449	54.3
House Wren	1459	30.4	1468	17.9
Carolina Chickadee	176	3.7	150	1.8
Black- Capped Chickadee	67	1.4	132	1.6
Carolina Wren	17	0.4	28	0.3
Prothonotary Warbler	28	0.6	48	0.6
Purple Martins	1014	21.1	828	10.1
Eastern Tufted Titmouse	25	0.5	14	0.2
American Kestrel	60	1.3	77	0.9
House Sparrow Eggs Discarded	652	13.6	834	10.2
House Sparrows Dispatched	392	8.2	273	3.3

This table shows our current numbers for 2014 compared to the 4-year average. The "# per report" column is simply the number fledged divided by the number of reports, which makes it easier to compare this year's numbers to the past. It should be noted that other species have also been reported to OBS, including Osprey, Barn Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Great Crested Flycatcher, House Finch, and Dark-eyed Junco.

Ohio Bluebird Society Nest Box Report

Year: _____

Cavity Nesting Species	Nesting Attempts	Number of Eggs	Number of Nestlings	Number of Fledglings
Eastern Bluebird				
American Kestrel				
Black-Capped Chickadee				
Carolina Chickadee				
Carolina Wren				
Eastern Tufted Titmouse				
House Wren				
Prothonotary Warbler				
Purple Martin				
Tree Swallow				
House Sparrow Eggs Removed				
Other:				

Name: _____ County: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

OPTIONAL

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

How many boxes do you manage?: _____ How many trails do you manage?: _____

Do you actively control House Sparrows and European Starlings? _____ Yes _____ No

What are your most serious predator/competitor/other problems on your trail?

Do you believe Tree Swallows are becoming more numerous on your trails? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you an OBS member? _____ Yes _____ No

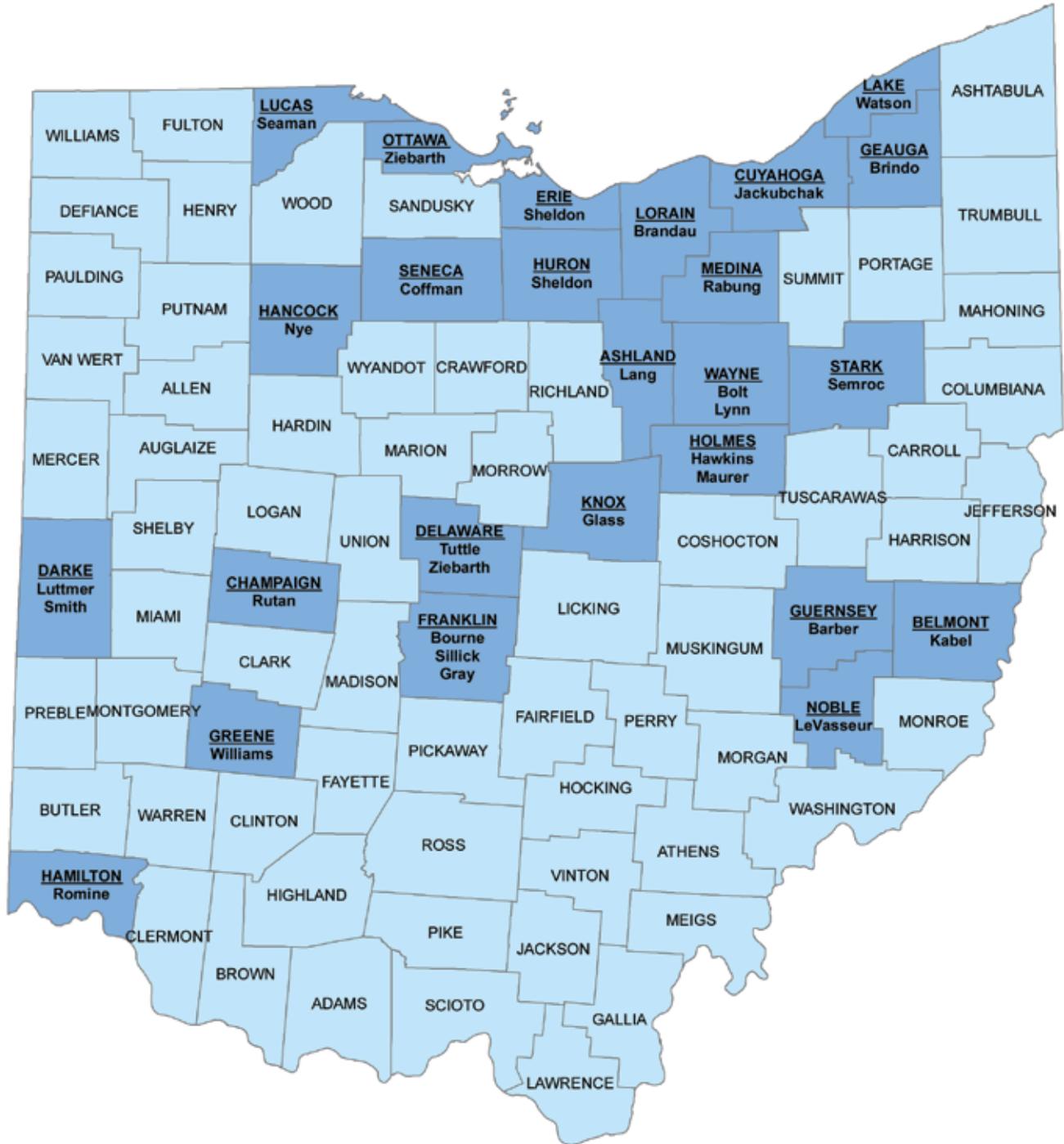
Any comments will be welcomed - thank you for taking time to complete this form.

Mail to: Ohio Bluebird Society, PMB 111, 343 W. Milltown Road, Wooster, OH 44691
or e-mail completed report to: info@ohiobluebirdsociety.org

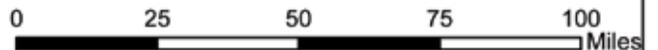
www.ohiobluebirdsociety.org

Ohio Bluebird Society

Counties with Director, Advisor, or Area Contact



Counties w/ Director, Advisor, or Area Contact
 Counties w/out



created by Mike Watson; The Holden Arboretum

OBS Area Contacts (as of October 24, 2014)

Up-to-date list is available online at <http://www.ohiobluebirdsociety.org/about/311-2/>

County	Name	Phone #	Alt. Phone #	E-mail
Allen	Mohr, Mark	419.223.1025, phone mailbox 3		mmohr@jampd.com
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