

Sacajawea Audubon 2017 Bluebird Trail Summary

It was a very successful nesting season in 2017. A total of 684 bluebirds fledged from boxes on our 6 monitored trails. 178 boxes were used (by bluebirds) out of 272 available. The remainder were used by tree swallows and house wrens.

On the Pass Creek Rd./Rocky Mountain Rd. trails, we banded a total of 397 birds, 357 nestlings and 40 adult females. We also recaptured 15 females. This year we also banded 100 nestlings with colored leg bands. This will help us quickly ID birds we have banded as to year.

On Janne's first check of the Dry Creek/Pass Creek boxes on April 19th, she was surprised to find one box with a female bluebird on 5 warm eggs! Now that is getting an early start.

Predation of nests was down from last year. The Rocky Mountain Rd. trail had a total of 18 predated nests (down from 24 last year). The Pass Creek trail had 24 nests predated (down from 34 last year). The causes were again varied: snakes, raccoons, weasels & kestrels.

We took a total of 18 people out on the bluebird trails this summer, including 7 on the June 18th field trip. The highlight of the trip was seeing the excitement of 11 year old Ondrej Ball looking into the bluebird box that he sponsors and seeing a bluebird nest with two cold eggs. That box successfully fledged 10 bluebirds from two clutches.

Following is a complete report of the success (or failure) of each box, along with its sponsor.

Lou Ann Harris

Box #	Sponsor Name	Box Result
1	Christine Gore-Masi (Paul Gore)	2 bluebird nests: 1st fledged 2, 2nd fledged 4
2	Christine Gore-Masi (Paul Gore)	2 bluebird nests: 1st fledged 6, 2nd fledged 3
3	Helen Tolliver (Judy Tolliver)	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd tree swallow
5	Erna Smeets	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd tree swallow
6	Janne Hayward (Star Reiersen)	2 nests: 1st bb nest predated, 2nd bb failed
7	Julie Catanese	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd failed tree swallow
8	Tonia Joy Jane (Roxanna McLaughlin)	2 nests: 1st bb fledged 6, 2nd bb failed
9	Rick Sanders	Bluebird nest predated, mice took over after
10	Paul Gore, Jr. (Paul Gore)	2 nests: 1st fledged 4 bb, 2nd tree swallow
12	Joe & Blanche Warnisher (BJ Plum)	2 nests: 1st predated bluebird, 2nd house wren
13	Julie Catanese	2 nests: 1st predated bluebird, 2nd tree swallow
14	Janne Hayward (Star Rierson)	2 nests: 1st tree swallow, 2nd tree swallow
15	Peggy Osbourn & David Cole	2 nests: 1st bb nest predated, 2nd tree swallow

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16	Leo Freeman	1 nest: predated bb
17	Betty Jo Myers (Dana Sauwerwein)	2 nests: both house wren
18	Audrey & Joel Evers	2 nests: 1st predated bluebird, 2nd house wren
19	Anna Holstrom	2 nests: 1st predated bluebird, 2nd house wren
21	Stephanie Nelson, Mary Lee Reese	2 nests: 1st bb nest predated, 2nd bb fledged 3
22	Pat Rossow (Kristi Anderson)	2 nests: 1st failed bb, 2nd failed house wren
25	Scott Radford	2 bluebird nests: 1st predated, 2nd failed
26	Parents of Sandy McManus	1 nest: predated bb, mouse nest after that
27	Oliver Powell (Peg Osbourn/David Cole)	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd fledged 2 bb
28	Nancy Kettle (Ronna Leon)	2 nests: 1st fledged 4 bb, 2nd fledged 5 bb
31	Kay Milligan (Patty Fraser)	2 bluebird nests: 1st fledged 5, 2nd failed
32	Ronna Leon	2 bluebird nests: 1st failed, 2nd fledged 6
33	Becky Foster	1 bluebird nest: predated (snake)
34	John Edwards, Sheila Skinner	2 nests: 1st bb fledged 6, 2nd tree swallow
35	Audrey & Joel Evers	2 nests: Fledged total of 8 bb
36	Michael Bernard Kelly (Kathryn Kelly)	Box replaced: 1 tree swallow nest
37	William Hanson (Mel McCarver)	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd tree swallow
38	Margaret Perryman	1 bluebird nest: fledged 5
39	Emily Robinson (Suzan Strobel)	1 nest: tree swallow
40	Janne Hayward (Star Reiersen)	1 nest: predated bb
41	Michael Bernard Kelly (Kathryn Kelly)	2 nests: 1st fledged 4, 2nd fledged 4
42	Carol Anderson & Bob Swinth	1 nest: fledged 6
43	Evie Barnes (Glenda Barnes)	1 nest: failed bb
44	Gina Carolan	1 nest: fledged 5 bb
45	Margaret Perryman	1 tree swallow nest
46	Anne Ready	empty
47	Erna Smeets	2 nests: 1st fledged 6 bb, 2nd failed bb
47A	Ned Bixler	1 nest: failed tree swallow

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47B	Scott Radford	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd fledged 6 bb
47C	Bob Schleicher	1 nest: failed bb
47D	Leo Freeman	2 nests: 1st fledged 6 bb, 2nd failed bb
47E	Gina Carolan	2 nests: 1st fledged 6 bb, 2nd fledged 4 bb
47F	Pam Poulsen	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd fledged 3 bb
47G	Gus & Claire Raaum (Lou Ann Harris)	2 nests: 1st failed bb, 2nd fledged 3 bb
48	Julie Catanese	1 nest: fledged 6 bb
49	Parents of Sandy McManus	2 nests: 1st fledged 6 bb, 2nd fledged 4 bb
50	Eva Patten (Glenda Barnes)	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd fledged 5 bb
51	John Edwards, Sheila Skinner	2 nests: 1st fledged 6 bb, 2nd tree swallow
52	Mr & Mrs Ralph Goldman	1 nest: fledged 6 bb
57	Ann Gore (Paul Gore)	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd predated swallow
58	Ann Gore (Paul Gore)	1 nest: 1st fledged 3 bb
59	Vernon T. Myers (Dana Sauerwein)	2 nests: fledged a total of 10 bb
60	Marilyn Klockslem, Missy Parker	2 nests: 1st fledged 6 bb, 2nd predated bb
61	Mr & Mrs Ralph Goldman	2 nests: fledged a total of 10 bb
62	Colleen Gore, Timothy Gore (Paul Gore)	2 nests: fledged a total of 10 bb
62A	Sharon Hanton	2 nests: 1st fledged 5 bb, 2nd predated bb
63	Margaret Perryman	1 nest: fledged 6 bb
64	Mary Ann Byerly	2 nests: fledged total of 11 bb
65A	Mr & Mrs Ralph Goldman	2 nests: 1st fledged 4 bb, 2nd failed bb
65B	Debi Naccarto	2 nests: fledged total of 5 bb
65C	Gus & Claire Raaum (Lou Ann Harris)	1 nest: successful tree swallow, fledged 2
66	Sally Kratochoil (Peg Osbourn/David Cole)	2 nests: fledged total of 10 bb
67	Phyllis & Fred Woods (Rox McLaughlin)	1 nest: fledged 6 bb
69	Christine Gore-Masi (Paul Gore)	2 nests: 1st failed bb, 2nd fledged 3
70	Mary Geis (Eva Patten)	2 nests: both failed bb, eggs abandoned
71	Sophie Freeman (Leo Freeman)	2 nests: 1st failed bb, 2nd failed swallow

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72	Paul Gore, Jr. (Paul Gore)	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd fledged 5 bb
73	Paul Gore, Jr. (Paul Gore)	2 nests: fledged total of 10 bb
74	Ethan Hanson (Mel McCarver)	2 nests: fledged total of 8 bb
75	Timothy Gore (Paul Gore)	2 nests: 1st fledged 6 bb, 2nd tree swallow
76	Bob Schleicher	1 nest: fledged 6 bb
77	Becky Foster	2 nests: 1st fledged 5 bb, 2nd failed bb
78	Gina Carolan	2 nests: 1st fledged 6 bb, 2nd failed bb
79	Virginia Jakobe	1 nest: fledged 5 bb
82	Suzan Strobel	2 nests: 1st failed bb, 2nd fledged 4 bb
83	Ann Gore (Paul Gore)	2 nests: both failed bb
84	Erna Smeets	1 nest: predated bb
85	Scott Radford	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd failed bb
86	Jim Bennett (Marilyn Klockslem)	1 nest: predated bb
87	Sandy Pittendrigh	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd failed bb
87A	Harry & Terry Milvid (Mary Lou Wild)	1 nest: predated bb
88	Adele Pittendrigh	1 nest: predated bb
89	Joe & Blanche Warnisher (BJ Plum)	2 nests: 1st failed bb, 2nd fledged 5 bb
90	Kay Milligan (Patty Fraser)	1 nest: fledged 5 bb
90A	Harry & Terry Milvid (Mary Lou Wild)	1 nest: fledged 4 bb
91	Kay Milligan (Patty Fraser)	2 nests: 1st fledged 4, 2nd failed bb
92	Stephanie Nelson, Mary Lee Reese	2 nests: 1st fledged 4, 2nd failed swallow
93	Audrey & Joel Evers	1 nest: fledged 5 bb
94A	John Edwards, Sheila Skinner	2 nests: 1st predated bluebird, 2nd house wren
94B	Stephanie Nelson, Mary Lee Reese	2 nests: 1st failed tree swallow, 2nd house wren
95	Colleen Gore (Paul Gore)	1 nest: failed bb
96	Debby Wheat	1 nest: failed tree swallow
97	Rita & Hannah Nixon	1 nest: predated bb
98	Timothy Gore (Paul Gore)	1 nest: fledged 4 bb

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99	Lynn Mugaas	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd fledged 1 bb
99A	Lynn Mugaas	2 nests: 1st failed bb, 2nd failed house wren
100	Ondrej Ball	2 nests: fledged total of 10 bb
106	John Parker	2 nests: 1st fledged 6 bb, 2nd tree swallow
107	Beth Kaeding	2 nests: 1st predated bb, 2nd tree swallow
109	Colleen Gore (Paul Gore)	2 nests: fledged total of 6 bb