



## The President's Perch

Greetings from Bluebird Hill. It is finally Spring and we are seeing bluebird, tree swallow, chickadee and, yes, house sparrow activity at our boxes. We are looking forward to a good nesting season.

This has been a busy winter; we have started a new effort to help new bluebird trails, supported a national effort to save snag trees for nesting birds, begun an investigation into plastic tree sleeve bluebird traps and begun planning for our (renamed) Bluebirds Forever Festival.

The MBS board voted to begin a limited grant program for new bluebird trails by funding a new trail in Williamsport, MD. Our MBS board members Kathy Kremnitzer and Jenny Hendershot will help the new trail get underway with advice and a helping hand.

MBS was approached in January to add our support to a national effort (2016 Urban Forest Council Action Plan) to point out the value of standing tree snags to wildlife, especially cavity nesting birds, and to help preserve them. Too many such snags are routinely taken down because they are unsightly or inconvenient. MBS sent a letter of support for the preservation effort.

There is a study planned, by the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, which investigates stress levels in cavity nesting birds by examining the content of their eggs ([bit.do/sparrowswap](http://bit.do/sparrowswap)). Because of the necessary destruction of the eggs, the subject of the study will be the house sparrow. We typically don't come across many eggs, because we try to eliminate house sparrow nests before eggs are laid. We can still participate in the study if we somehow run across house sparrow eggs by contacting the website above.

I am requesting help in a new effort to identify bluebird and other bird deaths as a result of empty tree sleeves. These sleeves are used by the thousands in reforestation plantings across Maryland. The problem comes if the tree does not grow and the tube becomes an attractive cavity for curious bluebirds. The birds can enter these sleeves and, because of their depth, narrow diameter, and slippery sides, cannot escape. This has happened in numbers too large to count to bluebirds in the west from similar pipes used to mark mining claims. The help I am requesting is, if you see an area reforestation with multiple tree sleeves, please look at the bottom of the sleeve and determine if there are remains of bluebirds or other birds there. Look only at the empty or near empty sleeves where the tree did not prosper. Please let me know, at [sfisher44@verizon.net](mailto:sfisher44@verizon.net), how many dead birds were found and how many sleeves were inspected. This information is vital to our passing protective legislation like that passed in the west.

Our annual event featuring the bluebird, the Bluebirds Forever Festival, held at Black Hill Regional Park, has been renamed the Flocks and Farms Festival. The new name comes from combining our bluebird theme with the Montgomery County Agricultural Preserve theme. We will still present the same program, walks and displays as before. Please come if you can to honor our bluebirds. The event will be held on May 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Black Hill Regional Park visitor center.

Last thing, the North American Bluebird Society will be holding their annual meeting at the Ellis Bird Farm, in Lacombe Canada from 8 to 10 July 2016. This is in Alberta Province and near some interesting sites like Calgary, Banff National Park and Lake Louise. Check the NABS website [www.nabluebirdsociety.org](http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org) for details.

Good luck with your trails, keep monitoring and helping our blue friends.

Stan Fisher  
President



First bluebird eggs of the 2016 season for the Bluebirds for Rosies trail in Brunswick, MD  
Photo by Kathy Kremnitzer

## The House Sparrow That Didn't Get Away by Ed Escalante

I had a house sparrow in my yard that devastated a Carolina Chickadee nest with seven eggs, even though I had placed a 1 and ¼" diameter restrictor on the opening. The house sparrow entered the nest without a problem and destroyed all the eggs. Later, I realized I should have used a 1 and 1/8" restrictor hole. I removed the nest and the house sparrow pair began to build a nest. I placed a Van Ert trap in the box and immediately caught the female. The male house sparrow would not enter the box with the trap in place. A second female house sparrow would not enter the box either, even though he would nudge her towards the opening. Eventually, they abandoned the nestbox.

Next, the male house sparrow (I assume it was the same one) pecked bluebird eggs in a nest on the other side of our yard. The bluebirds disappeared. Again, I placed the Van Ert trap inside the box and realized that the sparrow again would not enter the nestbox. I have a bluebird doll that mimics the song of the bluebird, and my garage window is about 30 feet away from the box. I decided to play the bluebird call through the garage window, hoping to annoy and entice the house sparrow into entering the nestbox. I played the call every 5 minutes, for 15 minutes. On the third call, the house sparrow returned to the box, looking around for the source of the bluebird call. Much to my surprise and delight, he entered the box, triggering the trap. Scratch one male house sparrow! Did the bluebird mimic call help? I think it did!

## Once Upon a Time, on the Bluebird Trail

*Have you ever met one of our Board members or volunteers and wanted to ask them how they started with bluebirds? In our last edition, we heard from Board members Anne Sturm and Jenny Hendershot. Let's see what stories some other folks have to tell.*

**Janice Ward** serves as **MBS County Coordinator** for **Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties on Maryland's Eastern Shore**. She writes, "It would not be an understatement to say my life changed drastically in 2006. I remember it well. We were at a Nature Conservancy stewardship committee meeting discussing the reforestation of a small open field that had been previously tilled. One of our members spoke up and asked that the field remain open to try out some ideas he had. And that's when it happened. A whole new world opened for me that day because, you see, I live in the middle of that field and now those ideas Dr. Richard (Dick) Roberts wanted to try are an integral part of my life.

Dick had witnessed a number of bluebirds in the area and hoped to be able to increase those numbers through a bluebird trail. So together we established the Nassawango Creek Bluebird trail that spring. I had never heard of a bluebird trail before that meeting, but I studied the literature and began my new "career" as trail monitor. Dick also made me a member of his bird banding team and thus I have been able to handle and study bluebirds up close and personal. Since 2006 I have spent many hours with bluebirds in a variety of activities and those hours have enriched my life."

**MBS Coordinator for Carroll County, Jodi Hewitt**, tells us that she has always noticed the birds but was drawn to them in 2009 when a pair of cedar waxwings nested in the tree next door, just off her deck. She began feeding the birds and speaking to Debi Klein from *The Backyard Naturalist*. At the end of the summer of 2010, Debi suggested that if Jodi was feeding the birds, then she should also put out winter water. So Jodi purchased a heated bird bath for the birds that had a deck mount. As she looked out her back door the day after Christmas, she saw a pair of bluebirds at the birdbath getting a drink. She had not seen them around before, so decided to put up a bluebird box. Much to her surprise, a pair of bluebirds nested in the nestbox. Though she only had one nesting that year, she admits she was fully infected with bluebird flu! She had caught the bug!

**MBS Founding member** and long-time **Treasurer, Diane Seward** writes, "My husband and I moved to Maryland in 1982. My first sighting of bluebirds took place a few years later; it was Fall, and my husband and I had just raked leaves away from our backyard fence. Suddenly, several blues flew down from the sky, perched on the fence, and began hunting for grubs and insects in the patch of grass that we had just cleared.

That spring, we hung our first box on a tree (big mistake), but for a couple of years it did not attract any cavity-nesting pairs, not even house sparrows. Eventually, we had our first bluebird nesting attempt, which was successful, producing four nestlings, all of which fledged.

In those early years, I relied exclusively on the Donald and Lilian Stokes' Guide to Attracting Bluebirds. And it was pretty helpful,

with photos of nestling stages, competitors' nests, and a description of predators and how to deal with them. During one of those early years, a snake got into that tree-mounted box and devoured young nestlings. That first lesson was painful. Fast forward to the mid-1990s: I joined the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's BluebirdL, an excellent real-time chat group that focused on bluebird (and other cavity-nesting species) nesting behavior and often provided practical solutions to problems raised by the participants. Through Bluebird-L, I became acquainted with Betty Nichols of Middletown, who was my mentor until she died in early 2003. Betty took me to see a nest of 10-day-old bluebird chicks in Antietam. The box was featured as one of the Cornell Lab's nest cams. Betty introduced me to the Huber house sparrow trap and explained quite matter-of-factly how to deal with trapped sparrows.....put succinctly, show no mercy! Betty also gave me my first batch of mealworms, which I put out summer and winter for several years, even growing my own for a year or so. She told me about Bluebird Gourmet, a home-made treat of sunflower hearts, peanut butter and suet or lard, which my bluebirds love. Through Betty, I met Fawzi Emad, who showed me his well-designed nesting boxes and mealworm feeding stations, and recommended a kinder, gentler way to control house sparrows, which I have adopted (feather trimming). Fawzi was the force behind the creation of MBS, in the fall of 2003. I attended the initial board meeting, together with Ed Escalante, John Corgan, Pam Ford, Paul Kilduff, Jacalyn Thomas, and the late Dave Magness, among others.

Today, I monitor a neighborhood trail of about a dozen nesting boxes and am helping out with a trail at the Izaak Walton League farm in Poolesville. "

The Eastern Shore's **Kent County Coordinator, Karen Unruh**, tells us, "I had always had bird feeders up when I was allowed in my apartment. My grandmother always fed the birds and loved her cardinals. I didn't know much about birds except that I liked to watch them. I got my start in bluebirds after a full page article appeared in the Frederick News Post in 2000, titled, "The Bluebird Lady of Middletown". It was just the day before that I saw my very first bluebird in my yard in Frederick. I emailed the "Bluebird Lady", Betty Nichols, and we agreed to meet at her bluebird trail in Middletown, Maryland the very next day. She had 11 bluebird nestboxes scattered around the park, and we walked the whole trail, looking into each box. Betty took me under her wing, and taught me all about these beautiful birds. Then I put up 2 boxes in my tiny yard and had bluebirds nest in one of the boxes that year. Betty helped me with any questions and problems I had. I've had some years where I took down my boxes due to many predator problems. But I now have 2 boxes back up in my new home in Kent County.

There are still predator problems to deal with, but when bluebirds finally nest successfully, I rejoice! I especially enjoy helping anyone I meet who wants to learn about bluebirds.

*Stay tuned for the next installment of Once Upon a Time in the Summer edition of Chatter!*

## A Way with Birds at Wild Birds Unlimited

by Kathy Kremnitzer



It is a chilly March Saturday and many of us are hoping that spring is right around the corner. For me, though, it feels like spring is all around me because I am visiting Keith and Beth Hamilton at Wild Birds Unlimited in Frederick, Maryland.

The store shelves are filled with brightly colored feeders, yummy looking seed cakes and cylinders and there are bird houses hanging everywhere! Videos of hummingbirds are playing on the tv screens and if you need a book to help you attract hummingbirds to your yard, they have it. If you want a cute pair of socks with your favorite bird on them, they have that, too. There are beautiful bird baths, water wigglers, yard ornaments, decorations, puzzles, greeting cards and so many other items to consider. Squirrels should beware, however, because Wild Birds Unlimited also has some of the best squirrel-proof bird feeders and squirrel baffles available.

Keith grew up in Maryland with parents who were avid birders. He remembers accompanying them on birding excursions, though his love of birds would begin much later. Beth was a Florida girl and, though she enjoys living in Maryland, admits to missing the Sunshine State, especially in the middle of winter. She was

not particularly interested in birds until she needed to write an article on how the Kennedy Space Center affected local wildlife. Her research determined that the center has a good impact on wildlife in the area because of the land required to buffer the center from its surroundings. Much of this buffer area is dedicated to wildlife conservation.

While living in Florida, the Hamiltons saw an advertisement for the grand opening of a Wild Birds Unlimited store in Tampa and the two became regular customers. Their first purchase was a finch feeder which they still use! Over the years, Keith grew tired of corporate life and wanted a change. The couple eventually relocated to Maryland and opened a Wild Birds Unlimited store in Montgomery County. In (not sure of year), the store was relocated to Frederick. While many loyal Montgomery County customers still make the trip up I 270 to visit the store, the Hamiltons have also made lots of new birding friends in Frederick County.

As with any subject, there is a lot of misinformation about birds, their safety and health and how people can help them. Keith and Beth try to clear up some of the misconceptions about such things as how to offer safe housing to cavity-nesting birds and why it is important that the food we offer to our feathered friends is as fresh and nutritious as possible. In addition to the squirrel-proof bird feeders, the seed and suet products are among the most popular products the store offers. Customers know that the food products sold at Wild Birds Unlimited are composed of quality ingredients instead of fillers.

While the Hamilton's store does offer the core merchandise available in most Wild Birds Unlimited franchises, they also carry many items that are "outside the nestbox", so to speak. In fact, they feature a colorful cat collar product that allows birds to more easily detect when a cat is in the vicinity. Keith saw this product in a store other than a Wild Birds Unlimited and now stocks it in the store.

Wild Birds Unlimited has been a generous and loyal supporter of the Maryland Bluebird Society. MBS has been a beneficiary of their Shop for a Good Cause Campaign for the last several years. It is largely due to the Hamiltons and similar supporters that MBS is able to continue our efforts to educate the public on the needs of the bluebird and other cavity-nesting birds. I hope you will stop in for a chat with Keith and Beth about your birds and see what the store has to offer. As for me, I have my eye on that new bright orange oriole feeder. Maybe that will finally bring orioles to my yard!

Have you ever wondered what goes on inside a birdhouse? Have you seen Bluebird boxes in County Parks? Would you like to set up a Bluebird box in your own yard, but don't know how to get started? Bluebird nesting season is upon us, and bluebirds can always use more nesting sites. Join Kathy Kremnitzer, past president of the Maryland Bluebird Society, as she talks about how to attract these lovely birds into your yard.

When: May 7, 9:30 AM

Where: Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop, Clemson Corner Shopping Center (across from Wegman's), 7820-J Wormans Mill Road, Frederick, Phone: (301) 360-9910





What a lovely surprise while checking bluebird boxes! Momma Bluebird keeping her newly hatched babies safe & warm!

Photo taken May 2015

## Bluebird Photography

by Jenny Hendershot

“Love at first sight,” that is how I would describe my relationship with the Eastern Bluebird. Since that first sighting, it has been my goal to educate myself and others on the importance of helping bluebirds thrive and grow. One way I have found to accomplish this is through photography. When someone sees the absolute beauty of the Eastern Bluebird, I hope it will encourage them to place nest boxes in their own backyards. One thing I need to convey is type of camera does not matter. I have used point-and-shoot, manual, and even my cell phone to capture bluebird moments.

Patience is the most important part of photographing bluebirds. Don't expect to walk out to a box and get that great picture right away. Now sometimes that may work, but if you are patient, the opportunities are greater for that perfect shot. Keeping a safe distance while being very quiet and still will ensure that the bluebirds will continue about their daily routines. Use a tripod if available or lean against a tree or post for better stability while taking photos. I have also used a blind, sat in a car or have hidden behind a bush to get up close and personal. Bluebirds are usually accepting of visitors near them. It may take an hour or more of just watching in awe to get a shot. Sometimes I get so wrapped up in watching that I forget to take pictures! Seriously though, what better way to spend a morning or afternoon!

Practice is another key to capturing those bluebird moments. Take lots and lots of pictures! I have taken thousands of bluebird photos. It's not surprising to take hundreds per outing during nesting season. Some cameras have a continuous shutter mode. That is a great way to get those action shots. I have used this function many times and have been surprised at what I have captured. When checking inside the nest box, I have found 'knocking' on the door first lets the occupant know I'm there so as to not startle when I open the box. Always stand to the side being careful not to block the entrance hole in case of a fly out. Slowly open the door, camera ready to snap a picture of whatever is inside. If you are lucky enough to get a mom on the nest, be quick and close the door back up. Try not to disturb her as best as possible. Always remember to not open the box after the thirteenth day of hatching! You don't want the babies to fly out prematurely!

Placement of nest boxes, birdbaths, and food source is another key to getting bluebirds to come to you. Properly placed, these will provide an inviting habitat for your bluebirds to feel at home in your backyard. Camera shots through open windows are usually some of the best pictures. Photographing bluebirds is a fantastic hobby that provides hours of enjoyment. The Eastern Bluebird is truly a fascinating and amazing bird!



Bluebird meeting underway at a refreshing birdbath on a cold winter day!

Photo taken February 2014

## Bird Words, Terms and Acronyms

by Kathy Kremnitzer

Have you ever been in the midst of reading something about bluebirds or birds in general and come across a word or term that you weren't sure of? Everyone seems to have their own code! Monitors use various acronyms and terms for recording their observations. NestWatch (Cornell's database for reporting nesting data) has its own language, on-line interactive groups such as the Bluebirding Forum on NatureNet and the NABS and MBS Facebook pages have participants who use various terminologies that can be confusing. It is easy to understand why many of the abbreviations were devised; try writing black-capped chickadee or tufted titmouse in those small spaces on a monitoring form and it suddenly makes sense. Some of the "codes" may vary from user to user, but once you get the idea they are not so difficult to figure out. Here are some of the common acronyms you might see when reading about bluebirds and trail monitoring:

|                         |                   |                             |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Eabl=Eastern Bluebird   | Tres=Tree Swallow | Hosp=House Sparrow          |
| Cach=Carolina Chickadee | Howr=House Wren   | Bcch=Black-capped Chickadee |

It is also helpful to understand some of the basic definitions of the words used in the world of bluebird monitoring. Words such as cavity, brood, clutch, incubate, hatch and fledge are prime examples. Bluebirds are cavity-nesters, so the word cavity is pretty self-explanatory. Clutch is used as a noun and means the number of eggs in a nesting. Brood can be used as a noun or a verb. In noun form it means the number of young in a nesting. In verb form it describes the act of keeping the young in the nest warm, or, as one of my students once explained to me, "to incubate the babies after they hatch". That's not precisely what it means but it allowed me to see that the student had the right idea. Here are some of the more common "bird words" you might encounter on your bluebird journey:

Cavity: a hole or opening in a tree trunk, limb or man-made nestbox

Clutch: the total number of eggs laid in a single nesting attempt

Brood (n): the young of a bird that are hatched or cared for at one time

Brood (v): to sit on and keep warm

Hatch: to emerge from an egg, pupa or chrysalis

Incubation: the act of rearing and hatching eggs by the warmth of the body

Fledge: the act of leaving the nest or nest cavity

Fledgling: a young bird that has left the nest but is not able to survive on its own

This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to bird words, terms and acronyms, but it should help to give a basic understanding at least when it comes to bluebird monitoring.

### **MBS Members:**

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**If you know of someone who is interested in bluebirds, please feel free to pass this newsletter on to them.**

## NABS 2016

The North American Bluebird Society will be holding its annual conference at the Ellis Bird Farm in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada from July 8 – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The conference theme is "Unlocking the Mysteries of Bird Migration: Using Technology to Track Avian Journeys", and features many keynote speakers, including Myrna Pearman, Ron Biel, Michael Dawe, Scott Hoyland, Dr. Glen Hvenegaard and Brian Keating. Reservations are currently being accepted for this amazing experience. For more information, visit [www.nabluebirdsociety.org](http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org) or [www.ellisbirdfarm.ca/nabs-conference.html](http://www.ellisbirdfarm.ca/nabs-conference.html).

## Buckingham's Choice 2015 Bluebird Report

by Chuck Wilson

I can't remember when we last had bluebirds still nesting after Labor Day. We had a late Spring, to be sure, and the first fledglings were a week or so late (May 21<sup>st</sup>), but that doesn't explain why our hardworking bluebirds kept at it through a very hot August and into September with the last four babies flying on September 13<sup>th</sup>. It was pure happenstance, but I had the pleasure of launching the very last baby. Something drew me to peek at the last working box that day and I found the last chick from a brood of four cowering in the box as the parents frantically tried to call him out. I carefully took him out and placed him atop the box to look around. In a few seconds he was gone, headed for the safety of nearby pine trees while the parents dive-bombed me to insure his safety. Those wonderful little experiences don't come often enough!



The annual tally from our 31 boxes was 71, down somewhat from totals up in the 80's in recent years, which might explain why they kept nesting. This fall will be the time to clean and repair/replace boxes to get ready for the next nesting season, which usually starts in March. Our 13<sup>th</sup> year of the Bluebird Trail at Buckingham's Choice has been one of transition. Lutie Semmes, Bill Souder and I throttled back and gave way to a new and enthusiastic team of weekly box checkers. Garth Seavey, Cathy Morrison and Joanne Tansey divided up the trail into manageable inspection routes and Nadine Bready gave Lutie a hand so the entire trail was well managed throughout the season. Our plan is to conduct a bluebird seminar before next year and will welcome any others who might be interested in participating. Stay tuned!

## 2015 Nesting Season Totals

by Kathy Kremnitzer

While working on this issue of Bluebird Chatter, I found myself wondering what kind of numbers we would have if we totaled the nesting data submitted from around Maryland for 2015. The Maryland Bluebird Society does not, at this time, have a vehicle for recording and tabulating data so I must confess that I used the calculator on my cell phone. Still, the numbers were impressive when you consider that we had about 20 individuals submit data! See what you think:

Bluebirds fledged: 1,408  
Tree Swallows fledged: 466  
Carolina Wrens fledged: 5  
House Wrens fledged: 66  
Carolina Chickadees fledged: 43  
Tufted Titmice fledged: 5  
Prothonotary Warblers fledged: 8

I plan to ponder this data reporting issue for the duration of the 2016 nesting season to see if we can't come up with a better system. Your input and suggestions would be most welcome!

## Upcoming Events for 2016

Here is a current list of Maryland Bluebird Society events already scheduled for 2016:

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**      **Catoctin Creek Nature Fest**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.      Catoctin Creek Park, Frederick Co.

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**      **Beautiful Bluebirds Presentation**  
9:30 a.m.      Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop, Clemson Corner Shopping Center (across from Wegman's), 7820-J Wormans Mill Road, Frederick, Phone: (301) 360-9910. MBS Immediate Past President Kathy Kremnitzer to present.

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**      **Flocks and Farms (aka Bluebirds Forever Festival)**, 1 to 4 p.m. at Black Hill Regional Park in Boyds, MD (NOTE: Road closures are scheduled in the area for this date. Please use Route 355 to access the park!)

**Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**      **Annual Membership Meeting and Picnic**  
2 to 6 p.m. at Black Hill Regional Park, Shelter C  
Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Nestboxes, predator baffles and other items on display. Silent auction will be held (donated items welcomed). Members and non-members are invited to attend for an afternoon of bluebird conversation.

## Maryland Bluebird Society's County Coordinators

MBS's County Coordinator Program is an important aspect of what our society is all about, helping bluebirders throughout the state when troubles arise. These volunteers accept phone calls and e-mails and are ready to assist with information and resources on the spur of the moment. Do you need help figuring out how to set up your nestbox? Maybe you have an abandoned nesting and don't know why. Perhaps house sparrows are plaguing your neighborhood and you don't know what to do. Well, an MBS County Coordinator is always willing to listen and share whatever knowledge and experience they can with you.

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**THE MARYLAND BLUEBIRD SOCIETY, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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