

## **John Layton: 2014 Bluebird Report**

### John Layton: Near Home - 61 boxes

Eastern bluebirds	189 fledged, 178 banded
House wrens	9 fledged
Tufted titmice	9 fledged
Chickadees	17 fledged
Tree swallows	16 fledged

#### **Losses:**

eggs: not fertile-56, predators-56 (total 112)

chicks: racoons-2, box knocked over by mower-4

#### **Compare to 2013:**

- fledgling increased by 35 chicks
- egg losses up by 32, believed caused by cold weather at winter grounds to south
- trapped & eliminated 38 house sparrows
- lost 2 adult males & 3 adult females up by 4 from 2013

### John Layton: E.B. Forsythe N.W.R. - 36 boxes

Eastern bluebirds	1 nest, 4 eggs "white", 2 chicks banded&fledged, 2 eggs not fertile
Tree swallows	131 eggs, 105 chicks, 100 fledged
House wrens	30 eggs, 26 fledged

### Fred & Annette Scherer: Germania section, Galloway Twp - 79 boxes (Trail set up by Allen Jackson & myself)

Eastern bluebirds	275 chicks banded & fledged
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### Jack & Jesse Conner: Stockton College - 24 boxes

Eastern bluebirds	34 fledged
Tree swallows	29 fledged
House wrens	4 fledged
Chickadees	2 fledged

#### All sites: total for 2014 season

Eastern bluebirds	500
Tree swallows	145 (100 Forsythe)
House wrens	39
Tufted titmice	9
Chickadees	7

\*Final note: E.B. Forsythe is overrun by tree swallows & house wrens. Competition is increasing