

John Layton's

2015 Next Box Results (123 Boxes Monitored)

E.B. Forsythe N.W. R. 36 Boxes

2 Complete Bluebird nests this season

- (1) Taken over by house sparrows- trapped & eliminated 1 male sparrow, bluebirds did not return
- (1) 5 Bluebird eggs were laid but disappeared (Rat Snake??)
 - Tree swallows: 80 chicks fledged, 21 eggs did not hatch- 11 chicks were dead in box (weather)
 - House wrens: 36 chicks fledged, increase of (10)
 - Chickadees: 7 eggs lost to raccoon

Stockton University (28Boxes)

Trail as taken over from Jack & Jessie Connor and monitored by myself and Linda Mancuso &

Diane Katy

Eastern Bluebirds: (66 chicks) Banded & fledged, 9 eggs lost to raccoons

3 eggs lost to rat snake? - 6 eggs were not fertile- 1 dead chick in box (19 total)

Tree swallows: 12 chicks fledged – 1 dead adult on nest – 8 dead chicks (weather)

6 eggs did not hatch

House wrens: 28 fledged

My personal trail & E.H.T. Retention Basins

Eastern Bluebirds: 132 chicks banded & fledged

Tree Swallows: 17 chicks fledged

Tufted Titmice: 8 chicks fledged

Chickadees: 14 chicks fledged

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41 Bluebird eggs not fertile

27 Bluebird eggs lost to predators, wrens, snakes, raccoons & unknown

10 Bluebird chicks lost to predators

7 Bluebird chicks dead in nest

1 Adult female died on nest, sat for 26 days (eggs not fertile)

1 Adult female feathers on ground, 4 eggs abandoned (hawk suspected)

Bluebird fledges increased by 20 chicks due to Stockton addition of 7 boxes

I did not count Fred & Annette Scherer's Germania trail

Totals for 2015 Season

198 Eastern Bluebirds

100 Tree Swallows (80 at Forsythe)

82 House wrens (increase of 43 over 100%)

8 Tufted Titmice

14 Chickadees

I trapped & eliminated 23 adult House Sparrows – 8 House sparrow chicks & 36 House sparrow eggs

Over all it was a successful season

John