

Bluebird Nest Box Monitoring 2017

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From April to August, a team of Piedmont Bird Club members monitored 25 Eastern Bluebird nest boxes at Country Park on a weekly basis and recorded their observations.

It was a really good year with some interesting encounters. John Shea and Connie Holt got to observe a chick coming out of its shell. And Lynne Gray and Rebecca Dellinger-Johnston cleared a box of a black snake!

Other PBC members who volunteered this year were: Jayne Henry, Stewart Redden, Sandy Redden, Ann Steigner, Diana Bowman, and Mike Howard. Also, a special thanks goes out to Cal Weimer for developing a fantastic system for collecting data and monitoring the bluebird boxes.

Below is some of the data that was collected from the previous 2 years:

	Year 2017	Year 2016
Total Bluebird eggs	131	114
Total Bluebirds hatched	118	106
Total Bluebirds fledged	110	105
Total Chickadee eggs	5	10
Total Chickadees hatched	5	10
Total Chickadees fledged	5	10
Total BHNH eggs	5	6
Total BHNH hatched	5	6
Total BHNH fledged	5	6
Date of first egg	4/2/17	3/31/16
Date of last fledgings	8/11/17	8/11/16

Each year the PBC shares its monitoring data with the NC Bluebird Society.

If anyone is interested in volunteering during the 2018 season, you may contact Bruce Billings for more information.