



Oklahoma Nest Box Survey

Oklahoma's Wildlife Diversity Program is trying to enhance habitat for cavity nesting birds. To achieve this goal, the ODWC initiated the Oklahoma Nest Box Trails Project in 1985. This project depends entirely on volunteers to place the boxes, monitor usage, control competition from House Sparrows, alleviate predation problems and report the nesting season's results.



Survey Year

Bill Crow, Tecumseh

About the Observer:

Observer Name (First, Last)

Observer Address

City, State, Zipcode

E-mail (if applicable)

Home Phone Number

Affiliation

About the Trail:

_____ Trail County	_____ Number of Nest Boxes Monitored	_____ Year Trail Established
_____ Distance and Direction from Nearest Town		

About the Nest Box Use:

Please summarize the results of your nest box trail by species. Only list species you have positively identified. An example for reporting nest box use and a detailed explanation of terms has been provided on page two.

A. Species Found in Boxes	B. Number of Nesting Attempts	C. Total Number of Clutches	D. Total Number of Eggs Laid	E. Total Number of Young Hatched	F. Total Number of Young Fledged

What measures, if any, were used to discourage European Starlings and House Sparrows from nesting?

- None
- Shooting
- Tearing Out Nests
- Other: _____
- Traps

What sort of predator protection, if any, was used?

- None
- Greased Pole
- PVC Guards
- Metal Guards
- Wooden Guards
- Other: _____

We love to hear about your nest box survey experiences! Feel free to share any stories, memories, or attach photographs.

Don't forget to clean out nestboxes between nesting attempts and at the end of the nesting season!

How to Report Nest Box Use:

When reporting nest box use, please summarize the results of your nest box trail by species. The below table shows the hypothetical results for the following scenario:

- Carolina Chickadees used four nest boxes for six nesting attempts, yielding three clutches. A total of seven eggs were laid. Five young hatched and four young fledged.
- Additionally, Eastern Bluebirds used two nest boxes for three nesting attempts, yielding two clutches. A total of eight eggs were laid. Six young hatched and five young fledged.

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Carolina Chickadee	6	3	7	5	4
Eastern Bluebird	3	2	8	6	5

Explanation of Terms for "Nest Box Use"

A. Species Found in Boxes

Use a separate line for each species. Please list only species you have positively identified. For example, do not list "wren" as a species. Instead, list whether it is a Bewick's Wren, Carolina Wren, or House Wren.

B. Number of Nesting Attempts

Count only the attempts in which a nest was completed and at least one egg was laid. Do not include wren "dummy" nests.

C. Total Number of Clutches

A clutch is a completed nest with all eggs laid and incubation has begun.

D. Total Number of Eggs Laid

Indicate the total number of eggs laid by the listed species.

E. Total Number of Young Hatched

Indicate the total number of young that hatched of the listed species.

F. Total Number of Young Fledged

A bird has fledged when it leaves the nest of its own power. Indicate total number of young of the listed species.