

2021 NESTBOX TOTALS

	EGGS	HATCHED	FLEDGED	RATE
BLUEBIRDS	73	52	46	63%
TREE SWALLOWS	80	61	54	67%
CHICKADEE	19	17	17	89%
HOUSE WRENS	146	128	126	86%
TUFTED TITMOUSE	10	6	6	60%

We had 50 boxes this season-----46 boxes were used by one or more of the above species.

Eastern Bluebirds used 14 boxes

Tree Swallows used 15 boxes

Black-capped Chickadees used 3 boxes

House Wrens used 24 boxes

Tufted Titmouse used 2 boxes

12 boxes were used by multiple species

Comments: this year produced poor numbers especially for the Eastern Bluebirds and we are not sure why. Upon cleaning out the nest boxes in February, 16 dead bluebirds were found (2 boxes containing 8 each), that were over-wintering here. A bitter cold snap in January could be the culprit, however, it did seem that many migrators did not appear in late March/early April. Large differences in the egg to hatch numbers are attributed to a cold/rainy event in May (eggs just didn't hatch) and predation.

Since the inception of the nest box program (beginning in 2000 with only a few boxes), Bremer has successfully fledged 1853 Eastern Bluebirds. Highest year was 2004 with 134 fledged and low year being 2015 with only 43 fledged. Nest boxes are checked once a week from April 1st till September 1st.