

2022 NESTBOX TOTALS

	EGGS	HATCHED	FLEDGED	RATE
BLUEBIRDS	163	107	92	56%
TREE SWALLOWS	52	48	48	92%
HOUSE WRENS	216	169	160	74%

The rate is calculated by dividing the fledged by the eggs.

We had no Black-capped Chickadee or Tufted Titmouse using the boxes this year.

We had 50 boxes this season-----45 boxes were used by one or more of the above species.

Eastern Bluebirds used 23 boxes

Tree Swallows used 11 boxes

House Wrens used 26 boxes

15 boxes were used by multiple species

Comments: we are glad to see the numbers for all species rebound a bit this year compared to last year. Large differences in the egg to hatch numbers are attributed to a cold/rainy event in June (eggs just didn't hatch) and predation either by raccoon, snake or other bird species. Minimal differences are noted between the hatched to fledged numbers (that's a good thing) and can contribute these differences to a few boxes found with predation (either raccoon, snake or human), or dead nestlings.

Since the inception of the nest box program (beginning in 2000 with only a few boxes), Bremer has successfully fledged 1945 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.