

**Fwd: some good bird news**

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Dear Mayor McFadden and Board of Trustees,

Blue birds symbolize good fortune, hope and prosperity, according to the Iroquois Indians. Tuxedo Park is claiming a share of this luck all thanks to Jake Mathews who donated and installed 3 blue bird boxes inside the Race Track Preserve to assist their nesting. Please see below his report on the birds' progress in making Tuxedo Park home.

Between 1971 and 2021, North America lost 29% of its avian population. Birds are effective pollinators. They spread plant seeds, ensuring natural regeneration of our green infrastructure. They feed on insects, rodents and other small animals, naturally keeping those population in check and ensuring a proper balance of our ecosystem. The Preserve is now home to many other birds and a rest stop for avian migrants.

The Tree Board is proud to share this good news, and the delight of Jake's son who loves watching and learning about birds.

Best, chiu yin Hempel  
On behalf of Tree Advisory Board

Begin forwarded message:

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Hello RTNP Board,

I hope this message finds you all well in 2022 and hope everyone had a great summer!

I believe the Eastern Bluebird boxes did really well in 2022 possibly with 5 broods total across all 3 boxes.

I observed 2 clutches/broods each in 2 boxes this year (center box by red cedar tree / milkweed field, and box nearest to Tuxedo Rd.). There were approximately 4 eggs each box X2 - so total of approximately 16 eggs and approximate resultant fledged Bluebirds for those 2 boxes alone in 2022 season.

In 2021 I think we had 1 clutch each in those 2 boxes so about 8 total eggs and approximate fledged Bluebirds last year.

The 3rd box closest to Fox Hill/Clubhouse, did not have a clutch in 2021 however this year, there was a nest and feathers that seem to be Eastern Bluebird so I'll count this in for at least 1 clutch this year about about 4 fledglings.

From my *very* lay birder perspective, these boxes have been very successful in the first 2 years with *approximately* 28 fledged Eastern Bluebirds!

I'm attaching some photos that I took this year of eggs (April) and nestlings (June), and they were not disturbed.

I will clear out the boxes in the next couple of weeks in anticipation of next year's arrivals!

I'm thankful for the opportunity to be a part of watching them and my son Adrian (age 7) enjoys coming along to learn and observe a bit.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions. :-)

Sincerely,

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