

# Ontario 2011 Eastern Bluebird Nest Box Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

County where bluebird boxes are located: \_\_\_\_\_

If more than one county, number in each; \_\_\_\_\_

How many bluebird boxes did you monitor? \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of boxes on your trail? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times did you check your trail during the nesting season? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of boxes used successfully<sup>1</sup> by Eastern Bluebirds? \_\_\_\_\_

Number<sup>2</sup> of successful Eastern Bluebird nestings (broods) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of young EABL's fledged<sup>3</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Unsuccessful Eastern Bluebird nestings<sup>4</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

1. "Used successfully" means at least one bluebird was fledged. More than one nesting per box equals one box used successfully.
2. Include all Eastern Bluebird nestings in each box; for example, two broods raised in one box equals two successful nestings.
3. A young bird is said to be fledged when it leaves the nest box on its own power.
4. Include in this category if a nest was built and eggs were laid, but for some reason no Eastern bluebirds fledged.

Number of Eastern Bluebird eggs laid in boxes: Blue \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_

Number of EABL eggs known to have hatched: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of EABL eggs which did not hatch \_\_\_\_\_

Number of eggs for which fate unknown: \_\_\_\_\_

## Description of Box

Top opening: \_\_\_\_\_ Side opening: \_\_\_\_\_ Front opening: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth from bottom of hole to floor: \_\_\_\_\_ Inside dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

Wood type and thickness: \_\_\_\_\_ Colour of box: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

*Record the number of pairs of EABL's on your trail on the middle of the next page.*

## Successful Nestings of Other Species:

House Wren: \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Swallow: \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Swallow Unsuccessful Nestings : \_\_\_\_\_  
Black Capped Chickadee: \_\_\_\_\_ House Sparrow: \_\_\_\_\_

## Banding Totals

Eastern Bluebird: \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Swallow: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bander: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have maintained a nest box trail: \_\_\_\_\_

What methods were used to discourage House Sparrows: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of first Eastern Bluebird sighting in 2008 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of EABL's seen: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last Eastern Bluebird sighting in 2008 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of EABL's seen: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pairs of EABL's represented by your nest box trail: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the population of EABL's in your area decreased over the past 5 years? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pairs of Eastern Bluebirds in your area nesting in natural cavities: \_\_\_\_\_

Where are your boxes located? Please circle.

Pastureland	Open Field	Cereal Crops (corn, barley, oats, wheat, etc.)	Hedgerow
Woodland Edge	Railway Tracks	Lawn	Cemetery (any mowed area, park, golf course)
Roadside	Orchard	Garden	

If eggs or nestings were lost, indicate the importance of the **presumed cause** (Number "1" for the most important to "9" for the least important).

Pesticides/  
herbicides \_\_\_\_\_ Humans \_\_\_\_\_ Raccoons \_\_\_\_\_ House Wrens \_\_\_\_\_

House Sparrows \_\_\_\_\_ Squirrels \_\_\_\_\_ Snakes \_\_\_\_\_ Blowflies \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to share your trail and experiences with others? \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for changes in survey or overall comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you receive C.W.I.P. funding? Yes  No

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