

Bluebird Nest Box Monitoring Volunteer Job Description



Summary Description

Every year, volunteers help monitor over 100 Mountain Bluebird nest boxes between April and August. Tracking bluebird and other species' nest success helps us gauge the health of our ecosystem in JH and contributes valuable data to nationwide efforts to follow the impacts of a rapidly changing, human influenced landscape.

Time Commitment

Volunteers will begin monitoring weekly starting May 1 between 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Monitoring will occur on the same day each week if possible. Once nests are active, volunteers will be monitoring twice per week.

Progression

Currently, there is only a general monitoring position open to volunteers who have emailed prior to the May 1 start date.

Job Duties

- Accurately record Mountain Bluebird nest box observations either on paper or in the app including but not limited to nesting activity, eggs laid, number of chicks, fledglings, band resighting and more!
- Provide photos for wildlife verification if necessary
- Enter data into the NMJH app or website as directed
- Communicate with the NMJH Program Coordinator about particular observations listed in the monitoring packet
- Clean out nest boxes after September 1

Qualification and Skills

- Open to anyone who loves to observe wildlife
- Patience while observing wildlife to note behavior(s)
- Must attend a NMJH training
- Must have a working electronic device (phone, tablet, computer, etc.) or access to a computer to input data

Expectations

- Communicate with the NMJH Program Coordinator in a timely manner as needed