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Letter from the President:

Photo by Steve Garr

Dear MOBS Members,
Happy New Year! It was so very good to see so many Bluebirder friends at the 2021 Missouri Bluebird Conference in July (especially after having to cancel the 2020 conference due to health concerns over covid). I want to thank everyone who attended and assisted in making that event happen, even amidst still present concerns about the virus. Even though we had to limit attendance and shorten the indoor part of the event, I am so grateful that the MOBS board decided to go forward with the conference. Check out the conf pics on pages 8 & 9 and again, thank you everyone.

***We have extended the time to turn in your 2021 nesting report to Greg Samuel (address on reporting form).* PLEASE complete the form on page 11 of this newsletter and mail it in now. This is a very important year for us to receive everyone's data!**

If it is time to renew your MOBS membership please do that—we need your support! There is a renewal/membership form on page 9. If you need info about the status of your current membership, please email Regina at **regina@birds-i-view.biz** or call her at 573-638-2473. (email is best).

Do what you can to help the Bluebirds,
Steve Garr, MOBS President

Note from the Editor:

ABUNDANT Thank yous to Ron Darling, Carol Ware, Denise Zimny, Linda Pridgeon and others for their past contributions and submissions to the Society's newsletter! This newsletter is about the Missouri Bluebird Society ...that's YOU! Please take a look at the following dates for upcoming issues and let me know for which you will be sending a submission (ready to copy and paste into the newsletter). **I will be looking forward to hearing from you!** *Regina Garr, Editor* ***The Fledgling*** (contact info below)
Future issue deadline dates: April 15th, August 1st, and November 1st.

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Missouri Bluebird Society
True Blue Service Awards!

Because our 2020 Bluebird Conference had to be cancelled due to covid concerns, our 2020 True Blue Service Award was presented at the 2021 conference.
The MOBS Board of Directors chose **Greg and Laura Samuel** as the VERY worthy recipients! Truly there are no better examples of members willing to take on projects and fully commit to doing them well. So much happens at MOBS that would not happen without them!

MOBS 2021 True Blue Service Award was presented to **Ron Darling**!
Look no further than the pages of this newsletter to understand why Ron was a natural choice for receiving this year's Service Award. He has enthusiastically brought individuals into the Society and promotes MOBS at every opportunity! He has been a frequent contributor to the newsletter, a frequent speaker promoting Bluebirds ***and*** MOBS, and a generous, helpful member at every event.

St. Peters, Missouri receives "Mayoral Assistance" in installing a new Bluebird Trail *Photos submitted by Debbie Knoble*

Pictured right:
St. Peters **Mayor Len Pagano** (pictured here on the right) assists Ron Darling (pictured left) as together they install Nest Box #4 on the newly established Bluebird Trail at St Peters Golf Club.
(full story by Debbie Knoble, president and founder of **MOGreenFuture**, on page 6 of this issue).

During his program at the 2021 Missouri Bluebird Conference, entitled **"How to get a Birdie on the Golf Course"**, Ron emphasized the importance of communication and positive relationship-building as keys to establishing Bluebird Trails on golf courses resulting in productive trails that benefit all parties involved (including the Bluebirds!!). We are sure the trail at the St Peters Golf Club will be one of those *happy* trails!

Pictured left:
On the newly installed Nest Box trail at St Peters Golf Club (pictured left to right)...
Carol and Dave Mayer, Debbie Knoble, Mayor Pagano, and Ron Darling.
Great job!

Helping those Gorgeous Red-headed Woodpeckers....

In 2016, the good folks from the Red-headed Woodpecker Recovery Project came to our Missouri Bluebird conference to help us learn more about these gorgeous cavity nesters and what they are doing to help recover populations. Of course, Red-headed woodpeckers are primary cavity-nesters and thus important to the well being of so many secondary cavity -nesters (like bluebirds!) and other animals as well. Please take some time to visit their website (www.minneapolisaudubon.org/rhwo2) and learn more about their work. In particular—check out this link to see how YOU can help with valuable research https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/elwest/woodpecker-cavity-cam . **BTW...** Red-headed woodpeckers have a ***Missouri Bird Conservation Plan*** Score of 17 and that plan states that the species has experienced a 67% population decline since 1970.

Comments and Observations

From seasoned bluebirders on winterkill in bluebird populations *by Steve Garr*

After the extreme freeze and reports from around Missouri about winter fatalities in bluebird nest boxes in February of 2021, there were concerns about the severity of the freeze and if it was statewide. Yes and no would be the best answer. It seemed to be sporadic -- effecting one trail and not the next. I did not experience the loss that many reported when they checked their nest boxes . I did not find any dead birds frozen inside my boxes as some others had found.

I thought it would be a good idea to address this issue in the form of a presentation at the 2021 Missouri Bluebird conference in July. So I decided the best way to do that would be to consult other Bluebirders with past experience with effects of winter storms on Bluebird Populations– and in particular with winterkill in nest boxes. For that reason, I have several folks to thank, not only for the information and experience they shared, but also for being willing to "relive" what was undoubtedly some of their least favorite memories with regard to their trails! **I sincerely thank them for their willingness to share.**

Absolutely at the top of this list are MOBS lifetime members Bob and Judy Peak, from Caliz, KY. Bob and Judy monitor extensive trails at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area and Lake Barkley State Park. They have a 32 year monitoring project under their belts at these locations -named "Project SOS" (Save Our Sialia)—and their reports are surely among the best I have ever read. So thorough yet so easily understood they are a benefit to anyone who reads them. Since 1990 the Peaks have fledged **38,955 Eastern Bluebirds** from the boxes on these two trails! Bob has also contributed a very educational piece on winterkill to the Summer 2016 issue of the NABS Bluebird journal. (see the bottom of page 5 for details) . It will certainly be worth your time to read this.

I also want to thank the following folks who responded to my request for information :

- **Tennessee Bluebird Society president Don Hazel**
- **Ann Wick and Tom Nichols from Wisconsin**
- **Warner Park Nature Center in Nashville, TN–** especially volunteers Diana Mclusky and Sandy Bivens. Warner Parks boasts the oldest continually monitored Bluebird Trail in the country and is one of several very interesting projects administered by the volunteers and staff of Warner Park and the Friends of Warner Parks . Check out the **BIRD INFORMATION, RESEARCH AND DATA PROGRAM (B.I.R.D.)** on their website or better yet, visit Warner Parks in Nashville!

And of course I thank my friends from Nebraska for their valuable input.

After the initial alarm I received both good and bad reports from around the state. It appears Missouri fared better than some of our surrounding states. I have wonderful bluebird friends all over the US and ,overall, I think we in Missouri fared pretty well. The polar vortex hit Missouri during bluebird migration for our northern states of Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. It was devastating for many of their bluebirds to face the extreme cold after already being weak from migration. Many of our northern states reported over a 70% decline in fledglings this past year. The western part of Tennessee and Kentucky also suffered severe loss to bluebirds migrating north plus their resident bluebirds. Besides the cold, Kentucky was hit with freezing rain and snow that buried natural food that birds need to survive.

Over the years I have frequently been asked about the effectiveness of using "roosting boxes" in the winter. I address that a bit on page 5 of this issue. Here are links to a few designs: http://md.fpemad.com/p2/roostbox.htm

https://feltmagnet.com/crafts/Barnwood-Birdhouse-Plans-How-to-Build-a-Winter-Roosting-Box-for-the-Birds

And of course, www.sialis.org is always a great place to check for anything Bluebird!

If we do not have another winterkill this year the pockets around Missouri that were not affected will be the initial fix for their surrounding areas. Other areas throughout the state may take 2 or 3 years to rebound. The first step is already there. The freeze did not affect the nest boxes and habitat that have made bluebirds so abundant in Missouri.

For those that had a winterkill last year— 2022 is time to relive the excitement of the first bluebird egg in your nest box and enjoy being a bluebirder all over again. **Each bluebird you help this year is one step closer to their recovery!**

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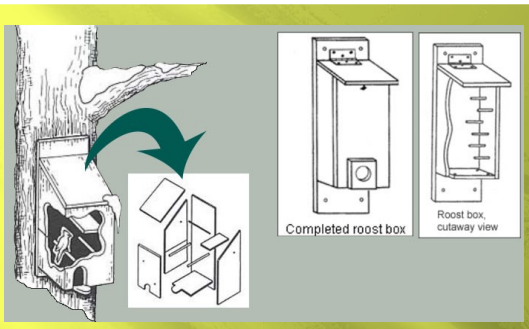


My limited experience with the roosting box (left) with the pegs for allowing the birds to roost separately in the box was unsuccessful. Other monitors have told me that the Bluebirds did not use the perches. Have you had a different experience with this design?

Winter Roosting Boxes:
Designs/Plans easily found…
Definitive solutions- not so much!

Links to a few designs for various roosting boxes are on page 4 of this issue

Roosting Boxes constructed and erected to give birds an option for shelter during extreme winter weather (for cavity nesters in particular) can be found in abundant designs. I have found plans that go back to the 70's and I am sure there are older plans out there. And of course "Winterizing" nesting boxes is always a good idea– especially those boxes known to be utilized by birds for roosting in winter. It is my opinion that often good roosting boxes make very poor and unsafe NESTING boxes so I would strongly recommend plugging or removing roosting boxes during nesting season. Of the designs pictured left, I much prefer the design in the **blue circle**, preferably not on a tree and with a longer roof over-hang, though. I prefer the horizontal design due to the bluebirds habit of "piling" into a cavity on top of each other...this box style allows for less height to the pile and greater opportunity to get out from under the other birds!

Notable Notes and Important Take-Aways:

1. Quote from **Tom Nicholls** from the Nature Education Center in Fifield, Wisconsin: ***"If there is any good news in this story, it is that we don't have severe cold bouts every winter. History has shown that bird populations eventually tend to bounce back from these kinds of setbacks."***

2. February (the month of the 2021 Big Freeze) is often the month Missourians experience **the greatest population of Bluebirds.** This is due to the fact that so many of the bluebirds we are seeing at that time are traveling back through our area from their wintering grounds south of us back to their nesting grounds north of us. (the vast majority of our Missouri's nesting Bluebirds stay with us year-round). Summer reports from trails in **Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Nebraska,** indicated that many of "their " bluebirds did not return this year. So while it is always discouraging to see dead birds, please note that not every dead bluebird found in boxes or in habitat in Feb 2021 in Missouri was a bird from Missouri's nesting population. (see more on page 4).

3. **Don Hazel of the Tennessee Bluebird Society** recounts a previous severe winter ice storm (February 2015) which resulted in nesting bluebird numbers being significantly down and Tree Swallow numbers increasing considerably (due to the later-arriving Tree Swallows taking so many boxes without competition from bluebirds). However, in only a couple of years the **Bluebird/Tree Swallow ratio** leveled out and returned to it's pre-ice storm populations.

4. **Bob and Judy Peak's 2021** nesting data for their trails on Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area showed that, while bluebird production was down dramatically, **"other small cavity nesters" production** in the nest boxes increased considerably (Eggs laid were three times that of the 2020 season). I have had other trail monitors tell me they experienced the same this 2021 season.

5. I encourage everyone to read **Bob Peak's submission in the NABS Bluebird issue** from the **NABS Bluebird Journal Summer 2016 issue** (Peak, R. 2016 "Eastern Bluebird Winterkills: An Analysis of Sex and Age" ***Bluebird, Journal of the North American Bluebird Society*** 38(3): 14-16. The article can be accessed online in the archived journal issues of the North American Bluebird Society.]

Organizations work together to install another Bluebird Trail in Missouri!

Golf courses are prime real estate for bluebirds and **MOGreen-Future** was pleased St Peters Golf Club agreed to a bluebird trail!

Ron Darling is our expert as he has successfully implemented 3 bluebird trails on courses at Lake of the Ozarks.

Mayor Pagano with the honor of putting up box four. ***(see page 3 of this issue)***

Our team (Ron, myself, David and Carol Mayer, St. Peters residents who will be monitoring and caring for the boxes) celebrating as we finished box 4.

We also had help from Earl Bradfield who was gathering knowledge and experience for implementing a trail.

And last but not least our commemorative painted rocks (Mayor Pagano has one) painted for us by Carol Schulte (St Peters Animal Control)

It was a Perfect day ..digging 7 -21 inch deep holes and installing boxes was quite a job took around 4 hours even with 5 of us!

Debbie Knoble
President and founder of MOGreenFuture

Did You Know?.....

The NABS website (nabluebirdsociety.org) **has an extensive list of studies and NABS articles arranged by subject and by author** . This is very helpful! Recently, when we saw a conservation organization had printed that "very little research has been done on effectiveness of baffles on nest boxes", we decided to check out NABS publications on that topic. Sure enough– we found 48 articles on guards, predators and predation in the Sialis publications alone. Once on the website , click on "Fact Sheets and Plans" on the navigation bar and then **"Publications"** to take you to a plethora of information and research!

MORE Good News!

Submission from MOBS member (and 2021 "True Blue Service Award Recipient!) Ron Darling

Indian Rock was the repeat winning golf club at the Lake of the Ozarks with a 5.64 bluebird fledge per nesting box ratio this year.
The photo shows 5 Lake Bloomers Garden Club members with Chris Jackson, General Manager with his Bluebird Cup award.

Deer Chase was in second place with a 2.20 ratio.
Lake Valley was in third place with a 2.00 ratio.
Both Deer Chase and Lake Valley will also receive a coffee cup this year as a Thank-You for being a Bluebird Trail Golf Course! ***Ron***

Many thanks to St Louis MOBS member Karen Meyer for presenting a virtual Bluebird Educational Program to St Louis area teachers! Karen utilized the MOBS Educational Power Point program as the basis of her presentation (downloadable from the MOBS website) and then added her own information and insights.

THANKS Karen, for helping to spread the cavity-nester news!

MOBS Board Members Bob Siemer and Ann Earley featured in the ***Farmington Press*** for their program on Bluebirds to the East Ozark Audubon Society. Thanks Bob and Ann!

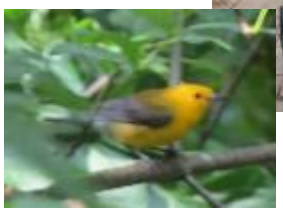
We know MANY of our members regularly engage in "Bluebird Conservation Outreach"…. Please take time to drop us a line and let us know what you are up to.
Email Regina at regina@birds-i-view.biz
Or mail to PO Box 105830, Jefferson City, MO 65110
FYI…submissions that are written ready to "copy and paste" into the newsletter make you my very best friend!

The 2021 Missouri Bluebird Conference!

How GREAT to see MOBS members again after having to cancel the 2020 Bluebird Conference due to covid concerns.

It was a very Fun and Educational conference, even though we still had to make some adjustments to be safe. Our THANKS to our wonderful Speakers and Field Trip leaders: Ron Darling, Austin Lambert (who both presented a program AND led bird walks!), Our State Ornithologist Sarah Kendrick for her zoom program, Dr. Jim Wetzel of the Lincoln University Aquaculture Program, and as always to Greg Samuel for his always helpful birding direction, identification, and expertise. Thanks too to our special conference volunteers and to the participants!

Once again, our super venue hosts, Norm and Beth Stucky at Mockingbird Hill, went WAY above and beyond with their hospitality...and hard work! From the delicious Pork dinner with all the fixin's to the Wagon Ride tours, and the abundant breakfast on Sunday morning...we THANK this special couple for their generosity in sharing their wildlife paradise!



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The 2021 Missouri Bluebird Conference

THANK YOU for attending! Photos by Linda Pridgeon, Regina Garr, and that cute little Brown-headed Nuthatch pic was taken in Texas by MOBS Member Keith Kridler.

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Is it time to Renew your MOBS Membership?

Memberships expire on **December 31st of the year of expiration.** **Check your mailing label to see if you need to renew.**

Please mail your renewal form, along with your check or money order (payable to **MOBS**) to:
Missouri Bluebird Society/ P.O. Box 105830/ Jefferson City, MO 65110

Name:_____ Phone:_____

Address:_____city/state_____Zip_____

County:_____ **Email:_____**

Membership Levels:

____Individual one year membership $9.00
____Individual two year membership $16.00
____DONOR (Annual) $50.00
____SUPPORTER (Annual) $100.00
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___****Senior Family Life Membership $100.00**

____*Family one year membership $15.00
____ *Family two year membership $28.00
*For individuals residing at the same address
**For individuals 65 + years old

How many nest boxes do you monitor?_____
How long have you been a Bluebirder?_____

Missouri Bluebird Society **www.missouribluebird.org**

This form to assist you in regular nest box monitoring…you **do not** need to turn this form in to MOBS.
Please see the MOBS website and page 11 of this issue of ***The Fledgling*** for the "Trail Summary Report" to mail in to Greg Samuel.

Missouri BLUEBIRD Society	**Monitor:**	**Year:**
	Trail:	**Box #**
	Habitat:	**Box Totals:**
	Nest Box Description & Mounting:	
	Seasonal Comments:	

Please note all white eggs

Date	Species	Eggs	Chicks	Fledged	Comments

Box Summary

Please note: Carolina Chickadee vs Black-capped Chickadee if possible

Species	Nesting Attempts	Total Eggs	Total Chicks	Total Fledged	Total Predated
Totals					

Please mail this form to MOBS!

(Greg Samuel, nesting data chair…address below)

Please DO complete and MAIL this SUMMARY form to Greg Samuel! (address on form)

Missouri BLUEBIRD Society

MOBS Nest Box Trail Summary

Trail Name:	Year:
Trail Monitor:	
Address / City:	
County:	
Number of Nest Boxes:	Number of "Unused Boxes:

Species	Total Nesting Attempts	Total Successful Nests	Total eggs laid	Total of White EABL Eggs	Total Chicks	Total Fledged

A successful nest is considered to be one that has fledged at least one chick

How often was the trail monitored:

First date monitored for the season:	Last date monitored for the season:
Signature of Trail Monitor:	Date:

Please send this completed form to: Greg Samuel 4749 State Highway Z, Fordland, MO 65652

Please mail form to arrive by January 31st

Everyone's data is important! Please report your data to MOBS
www.missouribluebird.org

Missouri Bluebird Society 2020 Nesting Report

Total Number of Nesting Reports	39	2 more than 2019						
Total Number of Nesting Boxes	724	121 less than 2019						
Total Number of Counties Represented	21	Same as 2019	Number Possible	114	18.4 %			
Eastern Bluebird Data								
Nesting Attempts	663							
Successful Nests	574	**87% Success rate**	88% in 2019	82% in 2018				
Eggs Laid	2,662							
Chicks Hatched	2,326	**87% Hatch rate**	86% in 2019	85% in 2018				
Chicks Fledged	2,215	**95% Fledged rate**	94% in 2019	95% in 2018				
Average number of eggs per nest								
Number of white eggs **reported**	86	30 more than 2019						
Number of white eggs hatched	N/A							
Number of white eggs fledged	N/A	Only 3 reported						
Species	Fledged							
Chickadee	246							
Tree Swallow	458							
Tufted Titmouse	0							
Bewick's Wren	0							
Carolina Wren	37							
House Wren	146							
Purple Martin	584							
Prothonotary Warbler	47							
Northern Flicker	15							
House Sparrow	5							
Bald Eagle	2							
Red-bellied Woodpecker	0							
Wood Duck	10							
House Finch	4							
Species Reported O/S of Missouri								
Eastern Bluebird	2,194							
Wood Duck	84							
American Kestrel	54							
Turkey Vulture	4							
Bald Eagle	1							

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Missouri Bluebird Society 2020 Nesting Report

Comparison Year to Year	Eastern Bluebird Fledged	All Other Species Fledged	Combined Total Fledged	Submitted Reports
2009	1,107	180	1,287	10
2010	1,231	329	1,560	15
2011	1,383	1,264	2,647	15
2012	1,174	1,021	2,195	19
2013	1,444	1,272	2,716	22
2014	1,483	585	2,068	20
2015	1,773	1,565	3,338	28
2016	1,512	1,020	2,532	33
2017	2,054	1,997	4,051	31
2018	2,482	1,374	3,856	46
2019	2,184	1,520	3,704	36
2020	2,215	1,554	3,769	39
Total Numbers Fledged Since 2009				
Eastern Bluebird	20,300			
Chickadee Species	1,630			
Tree Swallow	4,382			
Tufted Titmouse	148			
Prothonotary Warbler	572			
House Wren	1,599			
House Finch	6			
Bewick's Wren	85			
Carolina Wren	115			
Purple Martin	4,058			
Norther Flicker	124			
White-breasted Nuthatch	8			
Wood Duck	223			
Eastern Phoebe	128			
American Robin	4			
Great-crested Flycatcher	4			
Barn Swallow	388			
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	4			
House Sparrow	40			
Bald Eagle	6			
Totals	33,824			

Please send in your Nesting summary for 2021!

Complete the short form on Page 11 of this Newsletter *and mail to the address on the form.*

Missouri Counties
Represented in this Report
Is your county missing?

Boone
Butler
Calloway
Camden
Cass
Cole
Daviess
Gasconade
Greene
Howell
Jackson
Jefferson
Johnson
Morgan
Osage
Penny
Shannon
St Charles
St Louis
Ste Genevieve
Webster

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The Missouri Bluebird Society deeply appreciates ALL our members.

Thank you so much for your important support!

Please find below a list of our Lifetime Members, as well as our current Supporter and Donor memberships.

Missouri Bluebird Society Life Members

Bobby and Linda Arnold
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Ron and Terry Darling (also life members),
James and Carole Petersen (also life members)

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Mary List

Above and Below: Purple Martin Roost in downtown Nashville, TN September 4, 2021.....40,000 Martins!

A Conservation Intervention Success Story!

In August and September of 2020 and 2021 an estimated **100,000 Purple Martins** roosted outside the Schermerhorn Symphony Center in downtown Nashville, TN on their way to Brazil for the winter. The symphony very nearly ran them off as a nuisance until they realized they were playing host to protected migratory birds. Local bird enthusiasts and conservation entities intervened to raise money to assist with clean up at the end of the season and now everyone is happy! Read about the special projects now associated with this roost: WPLN NEWS NASHVILLE Aug 12 2021

Acknowledgements & Reminders

The following individuals have made recent, generous Donations to the Missouri Bluebird Society

Bob Kelsick, Ron Darling, East Ozark Audubon Society, Bittersweet Garden Club of Jefferson City, North American Bluebird Society, Bob and Judy Peak, Great Missouri Birding Trail, Doris Barber, Lisa and John Batson, Tom McRoberts, Jim and Carole Petersen

A donation has been made in Memory of a special MOBS member, Mary DeLacey

REMINDER!

MOBS Educational materials! Take advantage of the materials

MOBS has to offer to help you share and encourage others in Bluebird and Cavity-nester Conservation. Contact Steve and Regina Garr (contact info on the front of this newsletter) for color handouts, and download the MOBS PowerPoint program from the MOBS website. *Our sincere thanks to Bluebird Network Telecommunications company for generously providing the funding for the MOBS Educational Brochures and Quick Reference Guides.*

Another Reminder:

Applications for both the MOBS Nest Box Grant Program and the "Save the Clutch" Baffle program can be found on MOBS website. Please note that both of these grant programs stipulate the items are to be available for use on public property and, if the grant is awarded, the nest boxes and/or baffles will need to be picked up in Jefferson City at MOBS' storage unit. Grant recipients are also required to report their nesting data annually to MOBS.

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- **Reporting form for YOUR 2021 Nesting Season (there's still time—PLEASE participate)**
- **Sharing the 2020 Nesting Data Results** (thank you Greg Samuel!)
- **Congratulations to our 2020 and 2021 "True Blue Service Award" Recipients!**
- Pics & Notes from the 2021 Missouri Bluebird Conference
- **Member NEWS from the Trail!** ***THANK YOU members.***
- a Huge Purple Martin Roost… in an unlikely location
- **Comments and Observations from past experiences with winterkill in bluebird populations (*prior* to February 2021)**