Missouri Bluebird Society

The Fledgling

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Celebrating 20 Years!

The official newsletter of the Missouri Bluebird Society

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Letter From the President:

Dear MOBS members,

I hope everyone has had a successful spring nesting season! Most people I have spoken with have reported a very good start to the season and we should all have lots of tales to share at the upcoming Missouri Bluebird conference July 17th- 19th in Jamesport. I am certainly looking forward to the conference! If you have not registered yet please do so as soon as possible. **The deadline is July 3rd**. Please see the lineup of exceptional speakers on the MOBS website. You will also find a registration form there. My thanks again to Ivan Ray and Anna May Miller for hosting, and to all the MOBS volunteers who are preparing packets, name tags, auction / raffle materials, and of course a big thank you to folks who are donating items to the auction/raffle. It is really our organization's only fundraiser each year.

We do not have to wait until the conference to share tips. I encourage you to share your stories and advice with Editor Katharine Martin. I know many of you have experiences that can be a great resource or case study.

Courtesy of Steve Garr

Don't forget that predators and parasites will become more of an issue as the weather gets "Missouri Hot" and summer sets in. Be prepared and try to address problems as soon as possible.

If you would like to email me any pics of "your" bluebirds or cavity-nesting birds (or even bluebirders doing bluebirding!) for inclusion in the 2026 "Bluebirds and Friends" slide show for the conference, please email **no more than 3 images** to steve@birds-i-view.biz . **Please email those by June 30th** for inclusion in the program. Please send **only jpeg images compressed to 800 kb or less**. No non-native species pics for this slide show. And don't forget to include a description, your name, and where you are from so I can give proper credit please. Here's one of my pics for the slide show!

Do what you can to help the Bluebirds & other native cavity nesters too!

Steve Garr, President, Missouri Bluebird Society

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MOBS Conference Schedule (Subject to Change)

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Directions to Spillman Event Center: **660-684-6146** or go to:
https://www.northwestmoinfo.com/venue/spillman-event-center/
Additional events will be held at the Ivan Ray and Anna May Miller Family Home and Cabin in Jamesport, MO
For Conference info: Contact Ivan Ray Miller 660-684-6563 .

Friday, July 17th **Bluebird Banquet!** (Spillman Event Center)

5:30 pm …. Arrive for social time. May also pick up Conference Packets and drop off Auction/ Raffle items and desserts/snacks.
6:ish pm... Dinner ! A delicious meal provided by the kind & generous Miller Family.
7:00-7:30 pm... Presentation by Ivan Ray Miller
"The Miller Family Cabin PREVIEW!" Learn about the site of our Sunday morning Bird Walks and Brunch from the person who designed and nurtured this special place.

Saturday, July 18th **Conference Presentations and Programs** (Spillman Event Center)

8:00-8:30 am ….Registration (Pick up conference packets, drop off auction items and desserts/Snacks)
8:30 am……..Conference Welcome! Society News and things you should know.
9:00 am….. "The MRBO American Kestrel Project" by Marlee Malmborg
10:00 am ….Break to "Bid High and Bid Often!" ... Auction/Raffle + vendor booths
10:20 am…. "Bluebird Basics" Jack Corrigan
11:15 am…..Break... Bid and Buy Raffle Tickets! Visit vendors and MOBS Booth.
11:30 am… "Prothonotary Warbler Project" by Ron Darling
12:30 pm…...LUNCH is Served! (Remember to Bid, Bid, Buy)
1:45 pm……. "Magical Martins: more than just Purple!" by Ivan Ray Miller
2:45 pm……...Break (see you in the Auction/Raffle room!)
3:00pm……. "Reporting your Nesting Data"
3:10 pm…… "Eurasian Tree Sparrows" by MOBS Newsletter Editor, Katharine Martin
4:00 pm……. Break for Final Auction Bids! Last Chance to Buy Raffle Tickets.
4:30 pm……. Auction/Raffle CLOSED
4:30 pm……..."Nest Starts"... Who has STARTED nesting in your box? Steve Garr
4:45—5:15 pm….. Pick up and Pay for Auction Items /Raffle winnings
6:00 pm….. Cook Out and Social Time hosted at the home of Ivan Ray and Anna May Miller!

Sunday, July 19th…. Bird Walks and Brunch at the Miller Family Cabin

8:30-10-30 am ….Bird Walks, Brunch and social time in an engaging, natural setting for people and wildlife. Thanks to Terry McNeely for leading the morning bird walk.

(Directions to Cook Out and Sunday morning events at registration table area)

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Check out our terrific MOBS' logo
Denim shirts and Polo shirts
while at the conference...we nearly sell out every year!
For Sale in the MOBS Booth

Local Accommodations:

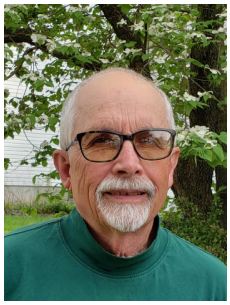
See MOBS website for details

Comfort Inn & Suites
Country Colonial B&B
Countryside RV Park
Fairfield Inn & Suites
Meneely Guest House
Red Barn Getaway Countryside Home
Super 8
The Arbor House Country Inn

Presenter Bios:

More info at
www.missouribluebird.org

Ivan Ray Miller to present
"Magical Martins: More than just Purple!"



Ron Darling *presents:* ***Prothonotary Partnership in Southwest Michigan.*** This presentation will describe a unique activity started in 2020 by the Two Rivers Coalition on the Paw Paw River. It has now expanded to the Black River. By monitoring prothonotary warblers in the
733 square mile watersheds, eBird observations from water (kayaks/canoes) and land are recorded. Data is then used as indicators of floodplain and wetland ecological health. **Half of the twelve installed boxes on the Paw Paw were successful in 2025**.

Ron was born and raised in Michigan and made frequent trips "Up North". He has degrees in Microbiology and Environmental Health.
He is retired from the City of St. Peters and is/has volunteered in several organizations including St. Louis Audubon, MoGreenFuture, St. Louis County Waste Management Commission, and Hazelwood Green Committee. He is a lifetime member of MOBS and loves to talk bluebirds and recycling.

Katharine Martin *presents:* ***Eurasian Tree Sparrows.*** Katharine has spent years managing native songbirds and studying the challenges facing backyard bird populations. With degrees in biology and business from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, she brings both scientific training and practical experience to her work in bird conservation.
She has more than a decade of experience in science writing, research, and communication, including writing and editing for a life science company. Her work focuses on translating peer-reviewed research into clear, responsible guidance for everyday birders.

Jack Corrigan presents: ***Bluebird Basics.*** Jack is originally from Pennsylvania but after a short stay in Virginia, his wife Amy's job brought them out to Kansas City. He was a State Park Ranger in Virginia. He and Amy have been "north of the river" now for almost 12 years.
Nest box monitoring citizen science focus is on Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, Black –capped Chickadees and most recently Prothonotary Warblers. Jack would like to add American Kestrels in the future! He currently monitors around 50 nest boxes on MDC conservation areas in Platte/Clay Counties, and says he would definitely classify himself as an intermediate birder but a hobbyist woodworker for over 30 years. Nest boxes have become "his thing", whether building the classic designs, trying new styles or working to improve predator control. Conservation volunteer for MDC at Burr Oak Woods Nature Center, certified Missouri Master Naturalist, co-coordinator for Osage Trails Chapter Project NestWatch Team, Nest Box Grant Program Ambassador for Missouri Bluebird Society, webmaster for Missouri Birding Society and Burroughs Audubon board member.

More info at
www.missouribluebird.org

Marlee Malmborg presents: ***MRBO American Kestrel Project***

Cell Phone Bird Photography Tips

| Chuck-will's widow or whip-poor-will taken on a Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra phone. Courtesy of Scott Velten

| Katharine Martin

When you see some incredible bird photos out there, you start to assume a person is extremely talented, or has an incredibly expensive camera, or both. Your assumptions are not far off from the truth. Some of the best photography comes from cameras that cost thousands and lenses that cost tens of thousands.

The good news is even if you don't have a costly setup, you can get some great shots with your cell phone. So here are a few tips to get better bird photos with your mobile phone.

1. Avoid shooting through windows when possible
Window glass is not like camera glass. When you take photos through your window, you lose a lot of sharpness, detail and vibrance. It can also add noise to the photo. If your birds are frequent flyers at your feeders, crack the window and wait patiently to get your photo. Or sit very still outside.

2. Clean your lens
We use our phones constantly, and we aren't really careful about what part of the phone we touch. Over time, your phone's lens will get fingerprints and dust. While it doesn't blatantly show up on a photo, it does compromise a photo's sharpness. Just take a moment every so often to clean the lens.

3. Keep your phone as still as possible
This is universal to photography. One of the best ways to have a picture be in focus without blur is to keep our device as steady as possible. Prop your phone on a surface so you only have to hold the top of it. Then gently hit the shutter button.

4. Move closer after your "safety shot"
Photographers recommend getting close to the subject while not disturbing them. The secret is before attempting to slowly move closer, you take a good safety shot. Yes, it might be farther away, but it gives you peace of mind in case the bird does fly off. I do urge everyone to be ethical about how close they get to wildlife since we do not want to cause stress.

5. Aim for the eye
Remember the saying "eyes are windows to the soul." The eye is the one thing you want to have most in focus when it comes to wildlife photos. Better the tail be blurry than the eye. The other benefit for aiming for the eye is that it will help ensure the face is in focus too.

6. Keep your back to the sun
If you are facing the sun, and your subject is now between you and the sun, you are going to get a silhouette. Instead, get your safety shot first. Then, if possible, reposition yourself so that you are now in between the sun and your subject (the sun behind you and your subject in front of you).

7. Set the stage
I only recommend doing this as long as it doesn't jeopardize the safety of your birds. For bird pictures, photographers will sometimes have spots they've staged giving them the background and composition they want. For instance, a patch of native coneflower, but they've trimmed the bushes in the back to keep the background clear. Or an old log set in front of a clean background where they spread a few mealworms for birds. Now they can snap some cool, natural looking pictures.

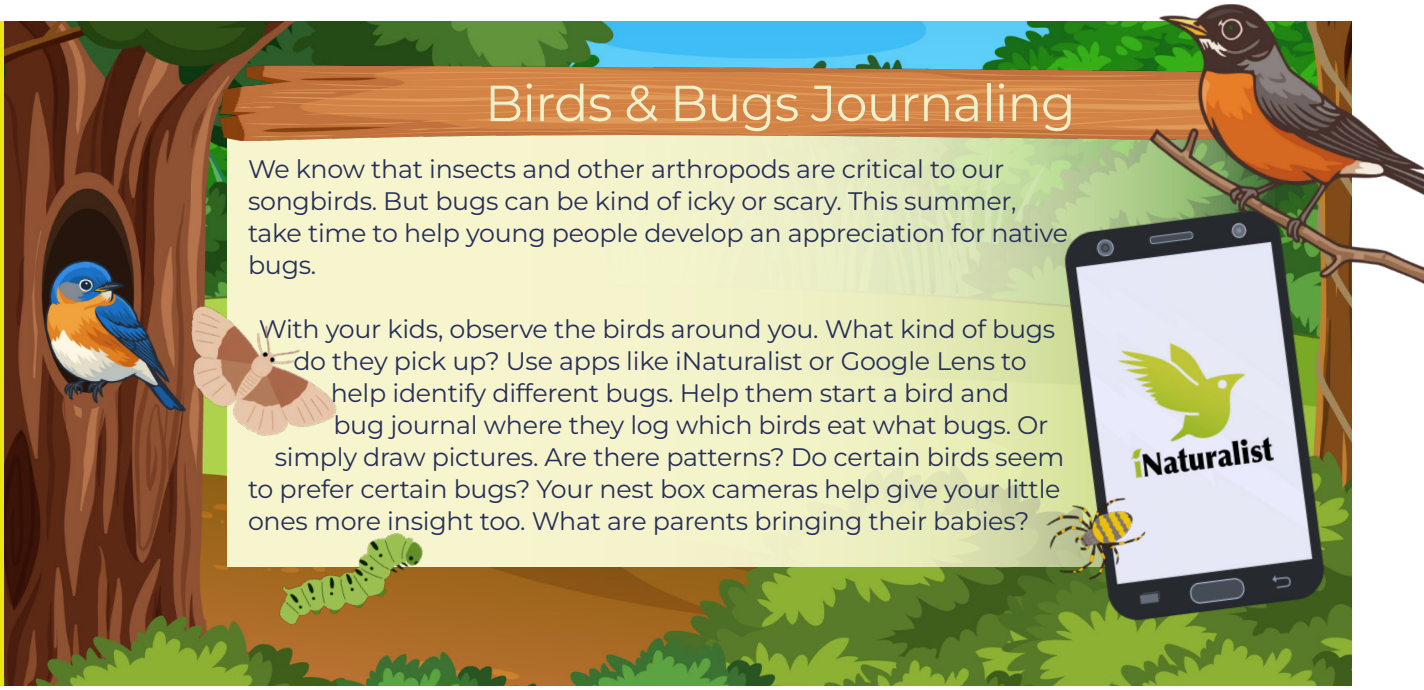
8. Practice and experiment with settings
Photography takes practice. Even the best photographers toss out many shots. Be patient with yourself and your subjects. You can also experiment with your phone's settings. A lot of phones now have a manual or pro mode that allows you to somewhat change shutter speed, aperture and so much more. Mess around with those settings. See how each thing changes the effect. I would recommend using a still subject when experimenting, but over time this will teach you how to dial in your settings under different conditions. These tips will not land you in National Geographic. But they will help you develop some skills and give you some pretty incredible shots you're proud to share.

Activity With the Kids:

Birds & Bugs Journaling

We know that insects and other arthropods are critical to our songbirds. But bugs can be kind of icky or scary. This summer, take time to help young people develop an appreciation for native bugs.

With your kids, observe the birds around you. What kind of bugs do they pick up? Use apps like iNaturalist or Google Lens to help identify different bugs. Help them start a bird and bug journal where they log which birds eat what bugs. Or simply draw pictures. Are there patterns? Do certain birds seem to prefer certain bugs? Your nest box cameras help give your little ones more insight too. What are parents bringing their babies?



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The Missouri Bluebird Society appreciates all of our loyal members.

We WELCOME the following NEW members!

Larry Flynn,
JL Johnson,
Stephen Kinder,
Bethany Klohr,
Dan McCann

What's That?

Guess what this is a picture of!
Answer on page 9

| Courtesy of Tina Fitzjarrald

Reminders & Events

MOBS Conference Bluebird & Friend
Photo Submissions Due ..... June 30

Missouri River Bird Observatory
Photo contest opens..... July 1

MOBS Conference
Spillman Event Center ..... July 17-19

Kayaking in Ellis Bay
Audubon Ctr. at Riverlands.....August 14

MDC Seedling Sale.....September-April

Tips to Protect Boxes from Heat

| Katharine Martin

Nesting season keeps us on our toes every single year. Between competitors and predators alone, there is a lot of work we do to keep our cavity nesting birds safe. Another challenge we face, as summer continues, is the high midwestern heat.

While we cannot install an air conditioning unit in our boxes, there are some things we can do to help our birds beat the heat.

Let's start with foundational things. A lot of this involves planning before we even buy/ build and install our nest boxes.

Avoid Dark Boxes
First, you want to avoid dark colored nest boxes. For instance, Nature's Way has a few nest boxes with very dark roofs. Darker colors absorb light better. And that light energy is turned to heat. All that type of box does is get hotter.

Natural wood or white colored boxes are your best choice (make sure the box is not painted on the inside).

Look for Boxes/Plans with Good Ventilation
Another way to keep your nest box cool is finding a nest box with good ventilation. Carefully evaluate your off-the-shelf boxes to make sure they have good ventilation running on either side of the nest box. This allows air flow. A small corner cut out or gap between the front panel and the roof is not enough.

If you have a box that doesn't have a lot of ventilation built into it, this is a problem easily solved by a drill. Use a ¾ inch drill (1/2 inch is probably ok. Don't exceed ¾ inch though), drill a few holes on the top section of the box's side panels. Usually 3-4 holes will do. It's not a perfect solution, but it is better than nothing.

Considerations When Modifying Your Box
Just know, any time you modify your nest box, you also want to check it after a rain to make sure the modification didn't cause water penetration. If it did, you'll have to do some troubleshooting, as well as taking measures to keep the nestlings safe and dry.

Find a Box With a Big Overhang
Having a nest box with a good roof overhang helps shade the box and is also helpful for other reasons.

MOBS' President Steve Garr has explained the value of a good roof overhang at the 2025 conference. It helps keep rain out, it helps prevent avian predators from popping their heads in to grab a snack, and as mentioned, it protects a little bit from harsh sunlight.

Avoid Polywood Nest Boxes
Another thing to avoid is polywood or plastic bluebird nest boxes (with the exception of PVC for Gilbertson style nest boxes). I have heard several bluebird landlords discourage people from using these types of nest boxes because they hold in a lot of heat compared to wood.

Plan Your Location
Placement is another consideration. Before you put your nest box up, pay attention to shadows cast in your yard

after noontime when everything is at its hottest. While you don't want to put your nest box directly under a tree bough where a predator could jump down on it, putting your box in an area that gets afternoon shade can be really helpful. Maybe your house creates a decent shade, or a big tree casts a good shadow by 2 p.m., that is a location worth considering.

Beyond planning our foundation, what else can we do to help keep the nest box cool?

Limit Nest Box Camera Use
Many of us have gotten on the nest box camera train. This has given us such an amazing view into the lives of our birds. But electronics add heat. My personal best-practice is that when temperatures are above 90-95 degrees, I do not turn the camera on. I may check in during the early morning to make sure things are ok, and check during the evening after the sun has set and the air has cooled off. But I never leave the motion-capture setting on, and I avoid turning the camera on in the afternoon, unless there is some emergency.

I have seen the temperature jump up five degrees shortly after taking a few seconds of video. On hot days, the box gaining extra heat doesn't get lost until the sun goes down.

Add a Double Roof
The double roof method is another great way to keep the box cool especially when it has been over 100 degrees for days on end.

With a double roof, you're adding another roof above the nest box, but the key is that it has spacing between itself and the roof below. This allows air to flow through. The second roof not only shields your actual roof from direct sunlight but helps keep it cooler with the air flow.

MOBS recommends a gap of at least ¼ inch. You wouldn't want to exceed an inch because that may allow curious birds to explore that space. In order to create the gap, you can sandwich wood or tubing between your actual roof and the second roof.

You can use wood for the second roof, or, I have seen some people upcycle political signs (or other corrugated plastic yard signs) into a second roof.

Some bluebirders have expanded the second roof method to second walls too, adding secondary walls with quarter inch gaps in between.

In a previous Fledgling issue, Steve Garr gave great instructions about the double roof method. He recommends planning your second roof out to be large enough to shade your nest box as much as possible.

Fans, Umbrellas & Considerations
I have seen some bluebirders set fans up next to their nest boxes. Actually, I've done this myself on extremely hot days.

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Steve Garr adding an extended roof to a nest box. | Courtesy of Steve & Regina Garr

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If you do this, make sure the fan isn't facing the hole, and it is a good distance from the nest box. Never do this when nestlings are close to fledging. And I would only do this only in extreme situations.

Another option is putting a patio umbrella over the nest box. Do not do this, however, if your mother bluebird is still in the midst of laying her eggs. If the umbrella scares her, she may dump her egg elsewhere.

It is very important that if you do any kind of intervention, especially a fan or an umbrella, you ensure stability. You don't want a gust of wind blowing your umbrella or fan into your nest box and knocking it over.

If this is your first time doing any kind of heat intervention, it would be a good idea to ask for some guidance. The Eastern Bluebird Landlords facebook group is a great place to get help.

Don't Spray Boxes with Water

Something to avoid is setting sprinklers on your box. While evaporating water does help cool things off, it raises the humidity. Optimal humidity is needed for egg development. You don't want too much or too little. Once you have nestlings, that humidity can be almost suffocating. It can also create a bit of a micro atmosphere that actually traps the heat.

How hot is too hot?

When nest boxes reach 107 degrees and higher, we hit the lethal zone for eggs and nestlings. Infrared thermometers are a great way to get a temperature check on a nest box. Harbor Freight and Bass Pro are among several retailers that sell these. You need to check the specifications to make sure it can take readings above 100 degrees.

If you can't get your hands on one of these, set up your own personal best-practice. For me, at my house, I know that by 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. when temperatures are usually at their hottest, whatever the outside temperature is, my nest box is right at about that same temperature or two degrees above that.

Materials List for an Extended Roof:

- Thin wood, approximately 18" x 24".
- 6 spacers (½ inch tall). Spacers can be made from rigid tubing or pieces of wood.
- 6 screws (1 – 1 ½ inches long). Screw length depends on the thickness of the roof.
- The extra roof needs to be installed where it blocks most of the afternoon sun and has air flow between the two roofs.

Bling feeding one of her nestlings | Courtesy of Tina Fitzjarrald

1 Purple Martin – 500 Miles – New Friendships

| Tina Fitzjarrald

We look forward to March each year because it's Purple Martin time. Our colony of approximately 175 pairs in Griggsville Illinois, Purple Martin Capital of the Nation, became very interesting in 2023.

I spotted a banded female Purple Martin on a gourd at our house. We waited until she paired up and had eggs to read the band numbers. We entered the numbers on a website, and to our surprise, she was banded near Miller City, Ohio in 2020.

Miller City is approximately 500 miles from Griggsville. Since first spotting her, she has returned to our colony for three years in a row, so she needed a name. Because she wears *jewelry* on her right leg we called her Bling.

On the Purple Martin Conservation Association website, you can report your first arrival of Purple Martins. This map was helpful to see reports close to Miller City Ohio to hopefully locate a name or where she was banded. And after several messages sent to several people, my husband finally talked to Leo. He organized Purple Martin bandings, including the one for Bling.

After two years of conversations on the telephone, we planned a trip. We drove to Leipsic Ohio to meet Leo in person, and see where Bling was banded.

We gained a friendship all because of one bird! I am so thankful she has chosen our property to connect us with special people.

Since I'm a photographer, I was able to find her with my nature lens in 2023 and look for her every year. She has always nested in a gourd but never the same gourd. She always has 5 eggs resulting in 5 babies.

People visit Griggsville to see the Purple Martin tower and stop by to see our colony. The result of each of these encounters are always new friendships.

Bling's story is such an interesting case given the distance from her natal colony. In fact, she will be in a film. A college student all the way from London, England visited Griggsville twice last year taking videos and collecting the history of Bird City for a film about Purple Martins to be finished before her graduation in June.

Editor's Note:
The Purple Martins are what brought me to Griggsville in pursuit of research. This is where I met Tina and we formed a lasting friendship. Brian and Tina Fitzjarrald, along with Ben Westfall continue the longstanding Purple Martin legacy of Griggsville.

PS. Bling returned to her Griggsville colony for the 2026 season.

What's That? Answer:
A banded female purple martin.
| Courtesy of Tina Fitzjarrald

MOBS Conference Registration

The Missouri Bluebird Society invites you to attend the

2026 Missouri Bluebird Conference July 17th– 19th

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Registration for the 2026 Missouri Bluebird Society Conference

***Please make Checks payable to**: The Missouri Bluebird Society*
*And **mail to**:* Missouri Bluebird Society/ P.O. BOX 105830 /Jefferson City, MO 65110

Deadline to register 7/3/26

Name(s)
_____
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Street Address : _____

City:_____**State:**_____ **Zip Code**_____

Phone Number_____ **Email :**_____ _____

Registration for Saturday Presentations includes lunch and a "Bluebird Information Packet". There is an optional Friday evening "Bluebird Banquet" including dinner, an informative program, and the "Bluebirds and Friends" slide show. There is also an optional Saturday evening Cook Out at the home of Ivan Ray and Anna May Miller. Please also join us Sunday Morning (7/19/26) for Bird Walks and Brunch at the Miller family cabin . All venues are within 2-3 miles of the Spillman Event Center.

Longtime MOBS members Ivan Ray and Anna May Miller and family have graciously volunteered to provide delicious home cooked meals at all events at the 2026 conference. We thank them!

Friday evening Bluebird Banquet (Program with dinner included) 7/17/26
(member)_____ X $30.00/person $_____
(non-member) _____X $35.00/person $_____

Saturday, 7/18/26 Conf. Presentations -Lunch included. (member) ____ X $25.00/person $_____
(non-member) ____ X $30.00/person $_____
7/18/26 Children under 12 years of age with a paid adult (total children) _____X $14.00/ child =$_____

Saturday evening Cookout 7/18/26 at Miller Family Home
(members/ non-members) _____X $10.00/person $_____

Sunday Morning Bird Walks and Brunch 7/19/26 at Miller Family Cabin
members/ non-members) _____X $5.00/person $_____

TOTAL amount enclosed for all Conference fees $_____

Please indicate if you would like Vegetarian meals (y/n) How Many? _____

Deadline to register 7/3/26

Please Note that the conference registration fee does NOT include membership dues

Not yet a Missouri Bluebird Society Member? Join now & save on your Bluebird Conference Registration Fee! (Please enclose check for dues with this membership application)

Name_____
Address_____
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Phone_____
Email:_____

Total $ amount enclosed for Membership Dues: $_____

Membership Levels:
(Mail check to: PO Box 105830/Jefferson City, MO 65110)
____Individual one year membership $9.00
____Individual two year membership $16.00
____Family one year membership $15.00
____ Family two year membership $28.00
____DONOR (Annual) $50.00
____SUPPORTER (Annual) $100.00
____**Life Membership** (family) **$175.00**
____**Senior (65+) Life Membership** (family) **$100.00**

County_____

Membership Application and Renewals!

MOBS Membership Application/Renewal Form Memberships expire on **December 31st of the year of expiration.**
Check your mailing label to see if you need to renew. (if your membership expires in "2026", it does not expire until Dec 31, 2026)
Feel free to contact Regina at regina@birds-i-view.biz or 573-638-2473 with questions about your membership status.
Please mail this 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 ____DONOR (Annual) $50.00 _____***Family LIFE Membership $175.00**
_____****Senior Life Membership $100.00**

____Individual two year membership $16.00 ____SUPPORTER (Annual) $100.00
____*Family one year membership $15.00 **How many nest boxes do you monitor?**_____
____ *Family two year membership $28.00 **How long have you been a Bluebirder?**_____
*For individuals residing at the same address
**Is a family Life membership available to individuals 65 or older (family members must reside at this same address)

____ Mail me the quarterly newsletter ____ Save The Trees: Email me the quarterly newsletter

☐ This is a gifted membership Membership gifted by_____
First, Last Name

Don't Forget

Your nest box trail summary forms due Dec. 31

To print your form, visit the MOBS site. On the right sidebar, scroll to forms and click "Trail Summary Form." Or use the QR Code.

Raffle/Auction Form

MOBS Members: How can you help make a Successful & Fun conference?

Contact our Raffle/Silent Auction Chair Greg Samuel, about bringing items for the Raffle/ Auction. This is our organization's largest source of income for the year, so contributions are appreciated! This helps to fund the next Bluebird Conference. **Contact Greg at 417-839-5627** or **finleycreekfarm@gmail.com.** If you need to send Raffle/Auction items ahead of time for the conference please make arrangements with Greg. Please take time to fill out this form for any items you plan to BRING to the conference to contribute to the Silent Auction/Raffle and send it Greg or email him this information.

Greg Samuel / 4749 State HWY Z/ Fordland, MO 65652

NAME_____ **Phone:**_____

Complete address :_____

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Raffle/Auction item descriptions AND approx. value of each item: _____

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