

BLUEBIRDS 2015

The East Cascades Audubon Society sponsored four bluebird trails in 2015: Carol O'Casey (La Pine), Ken Hashagen (south of Sisters), Carolyn Rochelle (also south of Sisters), and Karen Gentry (Sunriver). The boxes produced a total of 177 bluebirds (142 Mountain Bluebirds and 35 Western Bluebirds). Trail monitors began checking their boxes in mid-April and finished the season around the first week of August. All boxes were checked weekly.

Carol O'Casey's trail was brand new this year; 11 of her 12 boxes were used. Karen Gentry's trail was also new this year; unfortunately, 14 of her 20 boxes were used by swallows. A number of boxes will be moved this winter to reduce the incidence of swallow occupancy next season! Carolyn had 12 of 14 boxes used by bluebirds and Ken had 11 of 15 boxes used.

For the 2nd year, Ken banded his bluebirds (38 Mountain Bluebirds, 4 Western Bluebirds). Next season he'll attempt to band more birds from the other three trails as well as his own.

Anyone interested in observing the nest monitoring, banding, starting a trail, or helping with monitoring should contact Ken (khashagen@hotmail.com)