

## 2016 Bluebird Nest Box Report

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The 2016 season started with the first box check on April 18 and ended on July 24. Warm weather early in April found nests and partial nests during the first box check, with the first eggs found on April 25. There were 16 boxes on the trail this year; 14 about 10 miles south of Sisters and 2 in Pine Meadow Village in Sisters. This year a total of 15 of the 16 boxes was used: 4 by WEBLs, 9 by MOBLs, 2 by TRES. One box, Box # 7, was not used this year.

The weather started out unseasonably warm, accounting for the early nest starts and early egg deposition. However, in mid-June there was a period of unusual cold weather (31 degrees on June 15 in Sisters) and 12 nestlings died as a result of the cold or the lack of food from the lack of insect activity. Also this year, we seemed to have a lot of infertile eggs, more than in previous year.

Second clutches were good this year: 3 WEBL and 6 MOBL, compared to 5 second clutches (all MOBLs) last year.

In 2016, a total of 18 WEBLs and 27 MOBLs were banded on this trail. Others were banded on Carolyn Rochelle's trail.

### First Clutch

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Eggs</u>	<u>Hatched</u>	<u>Fledged</u>
1	WEBL	6	5	3
2	TRES			
3	MOBL	5	5	0

4	WEBL	5	3	3
5	MOBL	5	5	0
6	MOBL	6	5	1
8	MOBL	5	3	3
9	MOBL	4	3	3
10	MOBL	5	3	1
11	WEBL	4	4	4
12	MOBL	4	4	4
13	MOBL	3	2	2
14	MOBL	4	4	2
16	WEBL	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
		61	50	30

### Second Clutch

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Eggs</u>	<u>Hatched</u>	<u>Fledged</u>
1	WEBL	6	5	5
3	MOBL	3	0	0
4	WEBL	4	3	3
5	MOBL	4	3	3
6	MOBL	5	2	2
8	MOBL	3	3	2
9	MOBL	3	3	3
10	MOBL	5	1	1

11	WEBL	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
		37	24	23
TOTAL TOTALs		98	74	53

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CAROLYN ROCHELLE

The first box check was April 11<sup>th</sup>. These boxes, 14 in number, are 11 miles SE of Sisters, and one box is in Sage Meadow at my home in Sisters.

Three boxes were not used. Eight boxes were used by MOBL and 4 boxes were used by WEBL,

Eight boxes were used in the 2<sup>nd</sup> clutch. (3 more than last year)

The egg total was high...96. There were 77 nestlings and 53 fledglings.

There was a great loss of nestlings and eggs due to a cold snap and lack of food. Predation may have been a factor also.

The WEBL did very well this year with 26 fledglings using only 4 boxes. The MOBL had 27 fledglings.

Ken Hashagen banded 23 WEBL and 24 MOBL on my trail.

#### FIRST CLUTCH

BOX	SPECIES	EGGS	NESTLINGS	FLEDGLINGS
1	UNUSED			
2	MOBL	5	5	5
3	UNUSED			
4	MOBL	5	5	0
5	MOBL	5	5	4
6	MOBL	5	5	0
7	WEBL	5	5	1

8	MOBL	4	0	0
9	WEBL	6	3	3
10	MOBL	5	3	0
11	UNUSED			
12	WEBL	4	4	2
13	MOBL	5	3	3
14	MOBL	5	5	3
15	WEBL	5	4	4

SECOND CLUTCH

4	MOBL	5	5	5
6	MOBL	5	4	4
7	WEBL	5	5	4

8	MOBL	3	0	0
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9	WEBL	5	4	4
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12	WEBL	6	5	4
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14	MOBL	4	3	3
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15	WEBL	4	4	4
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TOTALS		96	77	53
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