

2017 Bluebird Nest Box Report

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The 2017 season started with the first box check on April 14 and ended on July 7. Warm weather early in April found nests and partial nests during the first box check, with the first eggs found on April 22. There were 15 boxes on the trail this year; 14 about 10 miles south of Sisters and 1 at the Community Garden in Sisters. This year 12 of the 15 boxes were used: 3 by WEBLs, 9 by MOBLs, and 1 box by TRES after MOBLs had fledged. Two boxes, Boxes #1 and # 7, were not used this year; several boxes had completed nests but the nests were abandoned and no eggs laid.

The weather started out unseasonably warm, accounting for the early nest starts and early egg deposition. I had NO second clutches this year, a very unusual condition.

In 2017, a total of 22 WEBLs and 49 MOBLs were banded. This total included birds from Carolyn Rochelle's trail.

First Clutch

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Eggs</u>	<u>Hatched</u>	<u>Fledged</u>
2	WEBL	5	4	4
3	MOBL	5	5	5
4	MOBL	5	4	4
5	MOBL	5	5	5
6	COMPLETED NEST – NO EGGS LAID			
8.	MOBL	5	3	3

9	MOBL	4	4	4
10	MOBL	5	5	5
11	WEBL	6	6	6
12	COMPLETED NEST – NO EGGS LAID			
13	COMPLETED NEST – NO EGGS LAID			
14*	WEBL	6	0	0
14	MOBL	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	TOTALS	48	38	38