

2004 VIRGINIA BLUEBIRD SOCIETY STATEWIDE BLUEBIRD BOX NESTING DATA¹

County	Trail Leader/County Coordinator	Bluebirds			Chickadees			Tree Swallows			House Wrens			Other									
		Number of boxes	Nest Attempts	Eggs	Hatched	Fledged	Nest Attempts	Eggs	Hatched	Fledged	Nest Attempts	Eggs	Hatched	Fledged	Nest Attempts	Eggs	Hatched	Fledged					
Albemarle	Kingston	410		61	58	1090	4	26	26	56	10	51	40	391			8	1	5	5	44		
Augusta	Penn			727	714	583								130									
Bath	Bratton	15	9	35	32	27					7	45	42	37	4	13	13	13					
Botetourt	Downs	194	92	363	339	375	17	73	57	62	66	349	326	334	12	60	60	60					
Campbell	Devan	10	4	12	12	12					1	1	293	288	2	9	6	6					
Clarke	Lichtler/Baruffi	108	46	205	152	139	1	1	0	0	66	350	293	288	49	269	174	149					
Fairfax	Salcedo-Roper	504	281	1288	1065	1028	58	226	188	186	121	329	278	279	129	430	398	386	11	50	29	29	
Fauquier	Taylor	57	30	107	70	70	3	7	7	7	3	12	4	4	1	6	6	6	14	14	33	24	
Fredrick	Hickerson	30	6	30	28	28	2	5	5	5	11	57	41	41									
Fredricksburg	Little	12	4	15	10	10	1	5	5	5	2	9	8	8	1	4	4	4					
Giles	Spiegel	16	16	63	57	57	1	5	3	3		4	18	16					1	4	4	4	
Goochland	Rapalee	22	21	87	80	68	2	12	12	12	3	12	12	12					1	3			
Henry	Doyle	80	116	490	445	429	1	5	5	5													
Highland	Bratton	120	68	254	223	203					74	328	287	264	8	32	19	19					
James City	Berg	29	40	145	119	96													6	26	24	15	
King George	Elkins	26	7	30	29	28	3	16	16	14													
Loudoun	Hamilton	130	88	385	310	286	1	7	6	6	42	201	173	168	42	159	104	107	62	76			
Montgomery	Opengari	30	25	104	69	87	0	1	5	3	3	0	24	109	92	87							
Nelson	Avery, Colella	11	10	39	39	39	1	4	4	4	2	8	8	8					2	7	7	4	
Newport News	LaRue	40	19	65	58	58	4	19	18	18					5	21	20	20	3	5	5	5	
Northumberland	Newsome	21	15	53	46	46	3	9	8	8													
Prince William	Little	125	107	465	407	405	7	39	29	24	30	144	126	125	9	48	38	29					
Roanoke	Morris	128	156	697	608	578	14	74	68	64	11	61	56	54	7	41	41	41	1	4	4	4	
Rockingham	Scott	59	39	148	127	133	1	7	7	7	21	102	89	92					6	7	4	4	
Spotsylvania	Elkins	34		245	205	200														55	32	25	
Stafford	Nasca	13	9	43	31	28					1	5	4	0									
Warren	Morrison	12	12	51	43	43	1	5	0	0	9	41	23	16	4	16	10	10					
W. Virginia ²	Hickerson	39	13	63	49	49					10	47	33	33									
GRAND TOTALS ³		2,275	1,233	6,270	5,425	6,195	125	546	469	489	493	2,155	1,885	2,409	365	1,195	893	873	108	275	138	158	

Notes:

1. In a few instances, non-reporting or under-reporting of some data makes for apparently inconsistent results, e.g. see total BB eggs vs hatched vs fledged. However, numbers of fledglings were always reported.
2. One member, John Hickerson, travels regularly in West Virginia, and monitors trails in Inwood and Falling Waters Counties.
3. Counting all species, 10124 birds were fledged.

Notes on 2004 Data Summary

We apologize for the missing numbers in the 2004 data summary included in the July *Bird Box*. A complete listing is on the other side of this page. Several people have called my attention to some of the results; and in particular, that the total numbers of birds fledged are generally more than the numbers hatched! This is one of the hazards of combining data sent in by a bunch of people. The problem is simply that some of our data submitters haven't submitted complete data. I chose to present the data the way you see it, rather than, for instance, leaving out the totals that don't make sense. See also footnote #1 of the report.

2004 Data

Many of you may remember that the number of bluebirds fledged in 2003 was down substantially from the previous season. The numbers: in 2002, we fledged 8,626 bluebirds state-wide, while in 2003 we fledged 4,894. Accounting for the difference in the numbers of boxes involved (there were slightly more boxes in 2003 than in 2002), we estimate that we fledged about 45 percent fewer bluebirds in 2003 than in 2002. We concluded that the reason was almost solely the result of fewer nesting attempts by adult bluebirds; that is, there were simply fewer adults trying to nest in 2003.

The good news is that in 2004 our bluebird population seemed to be recovering: In 2004, we fledged 6,156 bluebirds. Compared to the 2002 and earlier data, that gets us almost halfway back from the 2003 low point. So we're especially looking forward to seeing the 2005 results. *Go Data!*

2005 Data

The first batch of 2005 data arrived on August 20 from Tony Berg of Williamsburg. For that good work, that member gets a three-year extension of his VBS membership. *Way to go, Tony!* The second submitter will get a one-year extension!

Now for the rest of you hard-working monitors, since the nesting season is over, it's time to send us your trail data for 2005. Please send your data to your County Coordinator, or to me:

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We'd like to be able to report the statewide summary of 2005 results in the March 2006 *Bird Box*. It all depends on *you*.
– *Charlie Chambers*