

Southeast Wisconsin Bluebirders Gather in Greenfield

By Bob Tamm

Nineteen enthusiastic bluebirders from at least five southeastern Wisconsin counties met on Saturday, July 24th at the Greenfield School District Office Building to discuss everything bluebirds! In our second annual SE Wis. meeting, many topics were covered, including better boxes for bluebirds, different methods of House Sparrow control, golf courses as good bluebird habitat, problems and circumstances unique to southeast Wisconsin, etc. All those present also had an opportunity to talk about their own particular trails, along with their “ups and downs” during the current bluebirding season. On the average, bluebird fledgling success in our area seemed to be slightly higher than last year.

The importance of keeping good records and sending in accurate statistics was also discussed, especially in light of the fact that one outspoken individual – yours truly – boldly predicted to a certain Kent Hall that this would be the year that BRAW officially reports over 30,000 bluebirds statewide. That, of course, would be a new state record. My reasoning was based on a fast start in spring, plus, at least in our area, quite a few new golf course trails, which, according to our monitors, are doing very well. At least three of them should go well over one hundred bluebirds fledged this year, with others only slightly behind.

In addition to our regular trail monitors, we were also happy to see in our presence Diane Lembck, the President of the Southeast Wisconsin Audubon Chapter, and BRAW President Joe Schultz and Vice President Kent Hall, both of whom added much to the evening.

The scheduled two hour meeting went close to three hours... no one seemed in a hurry to leave! Refreshments helped to stave off hunger as we went into overtime! But all seemed to enjoy themselves, as I certainly did, and we look forward to next year, when, sometime in mid-August, we will gather for our third annual Southeast Wis. Bluebirders meeting. All are welcome!!!

