

BRAW Needs

Monitors

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As the Annual Report by Dunn & Hall shows, BRAW members reported on over 1,300 more nest boxes in 2009 than 2008. We expect to add nearly 800 more for the 2010 season, but will need to add even more to reach our goal of 30,000 fledglings by 2011.

So, here is where you can help. If you are currently monitoring a trail of 10 boxes, add another 3-5. If you have a trail of 20, add a few more. But if you do not have a trail at all and would like to develop one, contact me ([715-344-8081](tel:715-344-8081) / kentsue@charter.net) and I can arrange to visit you and explore habitat where you live. BRAW can help you install boxes and mounting posts at no cost to you—all you have to do is monitor the nest boxes and turn in the results to me on a Form 21 at the end of the season.

Right now we have trail sites available at Ft. McCoy, Monroe Co., VA Hospital grounds in Tomah, Monroe Co., Rockton/Ontario area, Vernon Co., , Legend at Bergamont in Oregon, Dane Co., Edelweiss Chalet GC & Argue-ment GC, New Glarus in Green Co. and along Hwy. 22 sw of Waupaca, Waupaca Co. If you live near these areas, contact me and perhaps we can work out a monitoring site/schedule for you.

The quickest and easiest way to establish a trail is to do one on a golf course. Right now, BRAW monitors have trails on over 40 golf courses, but there are over 400 in Wisconsin. If there is a golf course near you that does not have a trail on it that you might be interested in exploring, contact me with the name of the Manager and Greens Superintendent. I will contact them and if they seem interested, I will ask to visit and preview the course (you will be invited to go with me).

So, we need more bluebird monitors. Will you help?