

Bluebird Association of Wisconsin (BRAW)

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Organized in 1986, BRAW members generously donate thousands of hours annually to ensure that bluebirds and other cavity nesters survive and thrive in Wisconsin. Here are key things that BRAW does:

1. **Creates awareness of the challenges** faced by cavity nesting birds. In 1985 there were only an estimated 600 nesting bluebird pairs left in the state due to habitat loss. Each year BRAW members' nest boxes alone fledge over 20,000 bluebirds, plus numerous tree swallows, chickadees and other birds.
2. **Educates state residents** about building, locating, maintaining and monitoring nest boxes. BRAW members who maintain 8,000 nest boxes throughout the state bring a wealth of experience to those wanting to learn how to do it.
3. **Coordinates statewide conservation efforts** geared to sustaining bluebird populations and creating habitat for all cavity nesters. BRAW county coordinators facilitate these efforts, plus serve as "go to" help sources.
4. **Serves as an online resource** for organizations and individuals to obtain information about bluebirds. Our website www.BRAW.org supplies a wide array of useful materials.
5. **Conducts seminars and workshops** to promote building, monitoring and maintaining nest box trails. From garden expos to seed store seminars to school workshops, BRAW members spend hours in face-to-face contact with the public.
6. **Keeps members informed** via a quarterly newsletter *Wisconsin Bluebird*, GroupWorks emails, and an Annual Meeting that features informative speakers. Networking focuses on sharing best practices for nesting success and practical experience.

You can help blue birds and other cavity nesters by becoming a member of BRAW.

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