



Supporting Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of bluebird conservation in Wisconsin. BRAW provides training, tools, and community support to help monitors confidently care for nest boxes, collect accurate data, and protect bluebirds across the state.

Training & Education

Whether you're new to bluebirding or a long-time monitor, BRAW offers resources to help you succeed.

- **Workshops and field training** led by experienced monitors
- **Online guides and videos** covering nest box care, monitoring, and reporting
- **Mentoring opportunities** for new volunteers who want hands-on support

Our goal is to ensure every volunteer feels prepared, confident, and supported.

Monitoring Tools

Accurate monitoring helps track bluebird populations and improve conservation outcomes. BRAW provides:

- **Standardized data sheets** for weekly monitoring
- **Digital reporting options** for easy submission
- **Clear guidelines** on how to record eggs, hatchlings, and fledglings
- **Tips for safe, low-stress monitoring**

Consistent data from volunteers across Wisconsin helps guide statewide conservation decisions.

Volunteer Safety

Safety is essential for every monitor in the field. BRAW encourages:

- **Awareness of weather conditions** and heat exposure
- **Safe handling practices** around wildlife
- **Caution on roadsides, trails, and private property**
- **Use of gloves, insect repellent, and sun protection**

A safe volunteer is an effective volunteer.

Community Support

BRAW's volunteer network is one of the strongest in the country. We support connection and collaboration through:

- **County coordinators** who assist with questions and local issues
- **Peer networks** where volunteers share tips and experiences
- **Annual meetings and events** that bring the community together

Volunteers are never alone — they're part of a statewide conservation team.

Resources & Downloads

- Monitoring forms
- Training guides
- Safety checklist
- Reporting instructions
- Volunteer handbook (if applicable)