

2025 Southern Wisconsin Nest Box Program – Draft 3

Purpose: Increase the number of new and replace old bluebird nest boxes in southern WI using funds from the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. Counties covered include Iowa, Grant, Lafayette, Richland, Sauk, Green, Columbia and part of Dane.

Action Plan: To identify interested property owners and get monitors, BRAW will:

1. Contact 2024 DALC participants via email and phone calls.
2. Ask 2024 DALC participants if they can add any more boxes to their properties.
3. See if current participants would work with neighboring landowners as coaches.
4. Recruit monitors for the DALC properties via the organization's newsletter.
5. Survey County Contacts regarding their interest in receiving the nest boxes.
6. Ask local conservation organizations to inform their members about the program.

Distribution Plan: In order to get these boxes distributed, BRAW will:

1. Provide County Contacts with the number of boxes that they could distribute to qualified individuals and institutions.
2. Identify sanctuaries, retreats and educational entities that would be good locations.
3. Place nest boxes on the three properties owned by DALC, plus the Southern Wisconsin Grassland & Streams properties.
4. Upgrade existing park trails and initiate cemetery trails.

Timeline: These steps will be carried out in the following timeframe:

1. January and February – make necessary contacts, buy boxes, predator guards & poles.
Prepare packets.
2. March and April – first distribution and placement of boxes.
3. April and May – second distribution and placement of boxes.

