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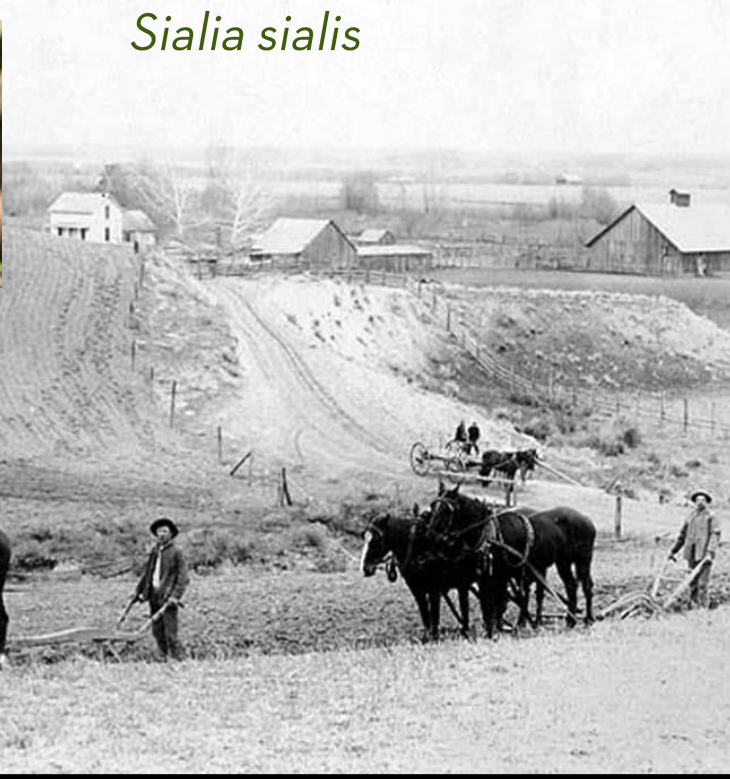
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

Nestboxes in MetroParks



Eastern Bluebird

Sialia sialis



Eastern Bluebird



** May have up to 4 broods



INCUBATION PERIOD



11-19
days

BROODING PERIOD



17-19
days

Code of

Conduct

-Plan and Prepare

- Data sheet, pencil/pen, clipboard
- Plastic bag or bucket, sanitizer, gloves
- Binoculars

-Collect Data Carefully

- Box #
- Species
- Contents

-Choose an Appropriate Time to Visit

- Do not check at dawn/dusk/night
- Do not approach nests during the first few days of incubation or when young are close to fledging
- Avoid nests during bad weather

-Be Wary of Nest Predators

-Do not handle native birds or eggs without proper permits

-Don't leave a dead-end trail

-SANITIZE!



First Egg Date—Estimated date that first egg was laid for each nesting attempt.

Hatch Date—Estimated date that first egg hatched for each nesting attempt.

Fledge Date—Estimated date that the first nestling left the nest, for each nesting attempt.

MAY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

*If you monitor nests more than once during egg-laying,
you can determine first egg dates for songbirds by
counting backward one egg laid per day.*

For most songbirds, you can calculate a first egg date by backdating using the assumption that one egg is laid per day (usually morning).



Bluebird Monitors

Please fill out this form for each bluebird box checked for Five Rivers MetroParks.

* Required

1. Full Name *

Enter your answer

2. Email *

Enter your answer

3. Date checked *

Please input date (M/d/yyyy)

4. Park *

Select your answer

5. Box Number (#1-48) *

Number must be between 1 – 48

6. Host species found *

- ☐ None
- ☐ Unknown
- ☐ Carolina Chickadee
- ☐ Eastern Bluebird
- ☐ House Sparrow
- ☐ House Wren
- ☐ Tree Swallow
- ☐ Other

7. Are brown-headed cowbird egg(s) present? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unknown

8. Nest Status *

- ☐ No nest present
- ☐ Nesting materials present, but nest incomplete
- ☐ Nest structurally complete, with an obvious central cup
- ☐ Damaged nest
- ☐ Flattened nest with fecal matter
- ☐ Nest disappeared for unknown reason

9. Number of host eggs present *

Select your answer

10. Number of alive host young present *

Select your answer

11. Number of dead host young present *

Select your answer

12. Host Young Status - Describe the appearance of young birds *

- ☐ No young present at nest
- ☐ Unknown (adult present on nest)
- ☐ At least 1 chick hatching or just emerged from egg
- ☐ Nestlings naked and pink, eyes typically closed
- ☐ Wing feathers emerging, some skin still visible, eyes open
- ☐ Body feathers completely cover skin, tail feathers stubby
- ☐ Vocal young, heard only

13. Adult activities of birds seen or heard near the nest during the visit *

- ☐ No adults seen or heard
- ☐ Building nest or carrying nest material
- ☐ Remained on the nest during check
- ☐ Left nest and flew from vicinity during check
- ☐ Remained in vicinity of the nest during check
- ☐ Feeding young at nest, or seen carrying food
- ☐ Dead adult(s) at or near nest site

14. Management Activity - Describe any human management activities at the nest site for each visit *

- ☐ None
- ☐ Avian competitor nest/eggs/young removed (House Sparrow or European Starling only)
- ☐ Unhatched host eggs removed (after determined as non-viable)
- ☐ Cleaned box, removed old nesting material
- ☐ Pest management (wasps, ants, mice, etc.)

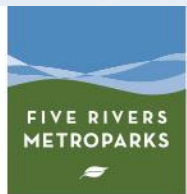
15. Notes

Enter your answer

You can print a copy of your answer after you submit

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The likely suspects...

Part 1



Eastern
Bluebird



Carolina
Chickadee

House
Wren



Tree
Swallow



Eastern Bluebird



Carolina Chickadee



House Wren



Tree Swallow



The likely suspects...

Part 2



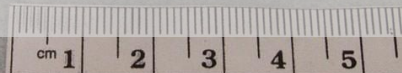
House
Sparrow



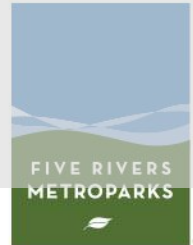
Brown-headed
Cowbird

NON-NATIVE

NATIVE

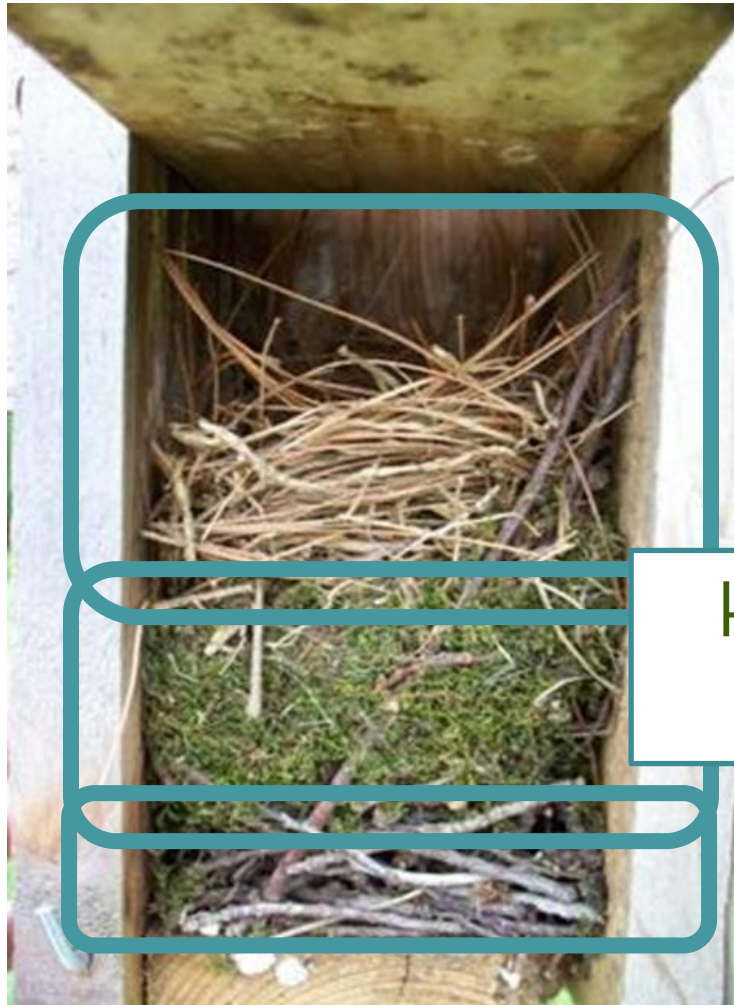


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Carolina
Chickadee

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Eastern
bluebird

House
Wren

E. Bluebird Nestbox Locations & Numbers

Carriage Hill MetroPark	5
Eastwood MetroPark	3
Englewood MetroPark - East	3
Englewood MetroPark - South	4
Germantown MetroPark	6
Medlar Conservation Area	4
MoMBA	4
Possum Creek MetroPark	7
Sugarcreek MetroPark	6
Taylorsville MetroPark	5

Important!

Monitoring – March – August
(month-long shifts)

Required Training –
GetConnected

***Optional* Training** – March 16 @
Medlar Conservation Area



Who to contact...

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Bluebird stuff

- Nest ID questions
- Box maintenance
- Safety issues

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Volunteer stuff

- GetConnected
- Logging hours



Questions?

