

TN Bluebird Newsletter

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Carolina Chickadees are native cavity nesters, too. They are cute in their moss and animal fur nest.



Sometimes mama bluebirds sit tight when we monitor the boxes. *Photos Courtesy Don Hazel*

President's Corner



Don Hazel, TBS President

The bluebird nesting and monitoring season has been over for several months and won't start again for several more months. But there is a lot we can do before next March.

This is the time to do a check of all of your bluebird nest boxes to see which ones need repaired, replaced, or maybe moved. I love old weathered boxes, but sometimes they need a new roof, or a door repair. Also, you can install Kingston guards and Noel guards now. Snakes and raccoons can eat something else, not our bluebirds and tree swallows. If you are staying home and staying safe, this is a good time to get busy preparing for Spring. This also a great time to consider new trails or additional boxes on existing trails. Here in Cumberland County, I talked to a state park manager and a golf course superintendent and both immediately approved new 10-15 box trails at their locations. They weren't just agreeable; they were excited about adding bluebirds nest boxes. All it takes is to ask. Finding monitors can be just as easy. Contact me if you need help.

So, I am asking you, to think of where you can add a bluebird trail in your community. Golf courses and parks are perfect for bluebirds. If you get approval to add a trail, we'll help you figure out how to pay for and get the nest boxes. The Tennessee Bluebird Society needs your help to expand the number of nesting sites statewide.

2020 is a year to forget for many reasons. Let's make 2021 a bluebird year to remember.

Bluebird Factsheets are now available on the [North American Bluebird Society website](#). The one titled **Getting Started with Bluebirds** is a great way to familiarize yourself and others with the joy of monitoring bluebirds and promoting healthy habitats for them.



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