

2016 Report

2016 report to VWF by Rob H.

Number of birds fledged: mountain bluebird – 44, tree swallow – 307

Pest bird species: house wrens in 8 boxes, house sparrow in one box

Mountain bluebirds first arrived on March 27. Eight pairs laid 52 eggs with three pairs double clutching with one second clutch failure. There were 8 non-viable eggs, resulting in 44 fledged juveniles. Bluebirds prefer pasture land.

Tree swallows normally arrive in late April and claim the nest boxes not used by bluebirds or swallows. They will occasionally insert sticks overtop of finished swallow nests. This year found 4 unhatched wren eggs in a full nest overtop of a successful swallow nest.