

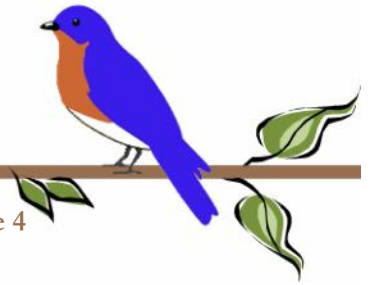
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Made Possible By...

It took a Texas-size team to create the new full-color *Bluebirds in Texas*

Pauline Tom, TBS President

In approximate chronological order of appearance in the saga of the making of “Bluebirds in Texas (BIT) 2020”, this partnership between TPWD and TBS would not be possible without these individuals who worked along with me.

Mark Klym, past Information Specialist Wildlife Diversity Program, TPWD. Mark served on the charter TBS Board of Directors. He invited me to assist with edits of the two previous editions. And, through the years, Mark helped TBS become recognized as the authoritative source for bluebirding in Texas as he referred bluebird questions to TBS.

Olivia Schmidt, Information Specialist Wildlife Diversity Program, TPWD. In June 2018, over Shugabee’s BBQ take-out at my kitchen table (while watching Painted Buntings on my big boulder birdbath), Olivia listened as I mentioned the desire to make some corrections in the next BIT and add TBS’ native plant lists for attracting insects and providing berries. Olivia stayed in touch as I kept her posted on our quantities of the 2016 edition, and she provided instructions. Olivia provided the vision of incorporating “community science” into BIT. She served as the TPWD liaison with TBS.

Janis Boulware, TBS Board Member appointed in February 2020. The discussion of “how in the world could we possibly annotate extensive edits that Pauline and Linda have made?” occurred in her first Board Meeting. Janis said, “I can do that.” Indeed, she could! Lonnie, Linda, and I quickly realized that with Janis we could actually rewrite the booklet. Janis took our notes and formed them into a rewritten document. She selected photos from TBS photo archives for the first version. She obtained bluebird



range maps from Cornell Lab of Ornithology and “pulled out” Texas distribution maps with her skill and special software. She kept working until the job was finally finished in June.

Lonnie Castleman and **Linda Crum**, who also helped with creating the SHARE revised TBS PowerPoint presentation in 2016. At that time, we gathered facts from the authoritative Eastern Bluebird account in Birds of North America (now known as Birds of the World) and my email conversations with Dr. Patricia A. Gowaty, author of BNA. This time, I compiled the notes from each PowerPoint slide and the text of TBS’ original publication “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Bluebirds ... but didn’t know to ask.”

In extensive hours of GoToMeeting (Zoom-like) conversations and individual work, we selected new chunks and tidbits of information to weave into the previous BIT edition, reorganized, and decided what to leave out. At times, we would bring Janis in on calls to go through the booklet word by word and make live edits.

Benni Konvicka, TBS Board Member with extensive editing credentials. Benni jumped in to help with final edits. At first glance, she saw that we needed to start the booklet with the same warm, inviting paragraph as the previous edition. We made minor cuts and pastes that made a significant change in the tone.

2020 TBS Board of Directors who approved printing the 44-page booklet in color. (When TBS asked for a color cover for the 2016 BIT, we offered to begin paying for publication of the TPWD booklet.)

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Made Possible By...

It took a Texas-size team to create the new full-color *Bluebirds in Texas*

Clifford Shackelford, my friend and TPWD Ornithologist, who included me when he responded to Olivia Schmidt on May 18 with his edits and comments after she submitted our 5/10/2020 booklet to him. I had been in steady communication with Cliff the month before as Linda and Lonnie and I worked on the project. It was at this point we learned “With only one confirmed nesting record of Mountain Bluebird for Texas, this species obviously does not regularly breed in our state.” Cliff found other instances where we needed changes. His fine detail edits made major improvements.

TPWD Creative Services who determined on 5/22/2020 virtually all of the 80+ photos we provided with first “final” did not have sufficient resolution (< 1 MB and 300 ppi). And, we learned we must credit each photographer, not the fact that the photographers provided permission to publish without credit.

At this point, the dream of a full-color Bluebirds in Texas seemed nigh to impossible. We were at the bottom of our barrel of the booklets. We had no known source for such photos.

I began making contact with bluebird and birder friends within TBS and across the continent, attempting to garner needed photos one by one, sometimes through a friend of a friend of a friend. I recruited church friends in Mountain City to take specific photos. On 5/24/2020 I emailed an update to the BIT Team with “We CAN do this. Be not dismayed. Let’s just keep pedaling.”

On 5/25/2020, I distributed an email to at least 60 individuals, searching for particular photos, still missing.

Grace Scalzo, professional nature photographer who moved from New York to Texas in 2018 and contacted us. We exchanged emails and developed a friendship. In April, we needed more photos to fill out the table I had seen in my head with photos of bird, nest, and eggs for cavity-nesting species. When I contacted Grace, she provided most missing photos for the table. Now, on 5/26/2020 with word we needed help with particular high resolution photos, Grace helped at full speed. She created a catalog for us with many of her photos. She kept helping. When almost finished and we lacked photos of House Sparrows, Grace found a photographer friend with the missing images. (See photo story on right.)

John Park, past TBS Board Member, who jumped into high gear when he saw the 5/25/2020 requests. John recreated the image of Nestling Development he first created when he was on the Board. And, he staged various still photos. Already over the weekend John had provided particular photos in high resolution. (See photo story on page 3)

David Kinneer, TBS honorary life member (in appreciation for the stunning photos he shares) of Fredericksburg, VA. His photo is on the cover and his photos appear throughout the booklet.

Lloyd Spitalnik, the photographer friend of Grace Scalzo who provided the last missing piece, House Sparrow photos.

Christine Boran, Janis Boulware, Lonnie Castleman, Linda Crum, Brad Fields, Vickie Fuquay, Melissa Garraway, Greg Grant, Eric Isley, Ralph McClendon, David Murphy, John Park, Amy Russ, LeAnn Sharp, David Shiels, Bet Z. Smith (aka sialis.org), Ron Tom, Carolyn Townley, and Kim Venhuizen, photographers.



*Grace Scalzo was presented Honorary Lifetime membership for her outstanding photographic contributions to the new *Bluebirds In Texas* publication.*

*Two of Grace’s photos used in *Bluebirds of Texas**



Mom is still feeding and teaching her little boy.



Prothonotary Warbler. Another cavity-nester who likes our nestboxes

Clyde Camp, TBS Webmaster. Clyde set up booklet.txblues.org so that we could easily share word of “Bluebirds in Texas” in print media. And, his eagle eyes found a one word mistake we corrected before BIT was published on paper.

Chris Hunt, Graphic Designer, TPWD. On 8/17/2020, months ahead of schedule, Olivia sent word, “Chris Hunt has put together a beautiful draft for you and your team to look over.” Indeed! She allowed us to add a “last minute idea” QR code for the bluebird song on 8/31.

Holly Wilcox, Girl Scout who sought assistance from Texas Bluebird Society for the bluebird panel portion of her Gold Award project. It was her idea for a QR code with the bluebird song on her panel that inspired the thought of adding such to Bluebirds in Texas 2020. (Read Holly’s story on page 4)

In personalizing gratitude, I may have inadvertently left out some who lent a helping hand. Please let me know if I missed anyone.

Editor’s note: And very “personal gratitude” to our **President, Pauline Tom**, for her dedication, determination and team leadership, making this project such a huge success. The new *Bluebirds in Texas* booklet is absolutely fabulous! Thank You Team! [Bluebirds Across Texas ... one nestbox at a time](#)



Beating the Heat In Texas



Nestbox quickly installed for specific photograph requested for Bluebirds In Texas project. (page 1)



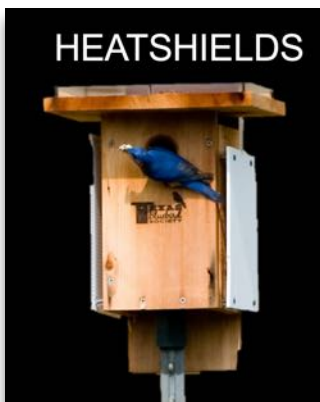
It was a while before I had a chance to remove my quick install nestbox. What a surprise when I looked inside - 4 babies!



Concerned for the babies in temps consistently in the high 90s, I erected a canopy for a little shade. After several “flybys” parents accepted the new cover and continued parenting



Babies seem to be doing fine with a little help from the shade. Photo story by John Park



HEATSHIELDS

Charter member, David Shiels, has proven the effectiveness of the heat shields he designed specifically for TBS nestboxes. See his full story and research results in [TX Blues](#) March 2003. Build your own using [TBS Heatshield plans](#).



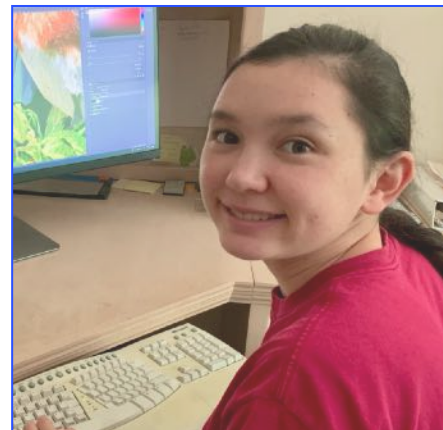
Who doesn't enjoy a dip in the pool on a hot day? Photo by Elena Harriman



Another way to help our feathered friends beat the heat is to paint the nestbox exterior (only) white, or another light color.

Holly Wilcox Is Going For The Gold

My name is Holly Wilcox and I am 15 years old. I am constructing a birding trail at Selah Ranch as my Girl Scout Gold Award Project. The portion of Selah Ranch where the birding trail will be is owned by the Pure Hope Foundation which restores women and girls who have been victims of sex trafficking. They help the "interns" to recover from PTSD, teach them life and job skills, help them get their GED, and, after a year or two, place them in either college or a job with a car and a place to live. The people involved are super impressive, and I am trying to support them and their efforts. The birding trail, which will be free and open to the public, will support the birding community and also add to the offerings at Selah Ranch, and so support the Pure Hope Foundation.



Holly designs birding trail with info panels for her project

Along my birding trails, I will create and set up educational and interactive graphic panels about various birds and habitats. I decided to start by designing a bluebird panel. I chose to do them first because bluebirds are not only common and conspicuous in Mount Vernon, they are also one of my favorite birds. I have seen and heard them often in my neighborhood, and I already knew many interesting facts about them.

Gold Award Girl Scouts are the dreamers and the doers who take “make the world a better place” to the next level. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable—proof that not only can she make a difference, but that she already has.



One of several panels Holly has designed.

I designed a graphic panel consistent with the colors of the Pure Hope Foundation, then began an extensive research on bluebirds. Through my research, I also got into contact with the Texas Bluebird Society President, Pauline Tom. Much of my information was about northern populations and did not hold true for Texas Bluebirds, so I am glad that I was able to get lots of feedback. I was with their amount of in-depth research, and ended up editing much of my panel to make way for all of the amazing new details that I wanted to include. After lots of editing and revising, I was given the approval of the TBS and finished the first step of my goals. I am very thankful for all of the help that they have done for me to make my project as educational as possible. * Holly will be building all of the nestboxes using our nestbox building plans.

(L)This is one of the educational panels Holly designed for visitors to view as they follow the bird trail at Selah Ranch. Including a QR code so the savvy user can listen to the bluebird’s song!

TBS was happy to assist Holly in ensuring the information displayed is factual for Texas.

More “Holly” news ahead as we chart her progress from paper vision to reality.

Linda Crum—Master Of Many Talents—Helps TBS



Linda Crum monitors her backyard nestboxes as well as a bluebird trail in nearby W. G. Jones State Forest.



Linda is a popular speaker at local garden and naturalist related groups and all of our symposiums.

Linda Crum joined TBS in 2005. That year TBS recruited her as registrar for the TBS-hosted and presented NABS conference. By 2006 she was serving on the Board of Directors and held the position of treasurer. Keeping track of financial activities and reporting was just the beginning of the experience and value Linda would bring. Over the years Linda continually kept improving ways to process our financial activities. She served as registrar and head cashier for most of TBS' twice-a-year events. In the beginning we were a cash/check only operation. Now we have online registration and PayPal, with the added ability for credit card sales and emailed receipts on-site.

Keeping track of member data and fees is a huge process! Linda has helped as both treasurer and membership coordinator over the years and continually works to make this administrative task simpler without losing detail. Her introduction of QuickBooks has helped facilitate maintaining membership records and improved reporting capabilities. As a non-profit organization, it is critical that any internal or external (government) required reporting is handled expediently and accurately. Linda now has help from other volunteers for treasurer and membership activities. Linda continues as treasurer, and is our go-to consultant/mentor and has temporarily assumed other financial/membership related tasks as needed.

Linda is a Texas Master Naturalist and Texas Master Gardener. Her extensive knowledge in both of these areas help make Linda a very popular speaker. Linda's presentation, *Attracting Bluebirds To Your Backyard* is given every spring and fall at a local nursery, recruiting 40-60 new members each

time. She is frequently requested to speak to local gardening and naturalist groups. Linda is a favorite featured speaker at our TBS events. She is known as the "Sparrow Lady" for her vivid presentations on *Controlling House Sparrows*.

You may recognize Linda as a regular contributor to *TX Blues*. Her articles focus on various native plants that we can use to attract bluebirds to our backyard. Linda practices what she preaches; providing many plant and bird photographs from her backyard.

In addition, Linda monitors a bluebird trail at G. W. Jones State Forest, reporting all nesting activity to NestWatch. In 2015, Linda also assisted in a project to reduce the entrance hole size on nestboxes to determine if Brown-headed Nuthatches (BHNU) would use a TBS nestbox. Her photos of BHNU babies in *TX Blues* (July 2015) demonstrates nuthatches do like our nestboxes!

Linda packs and ships nestboxes ordered through our website. She was conference coordinator for the 2008 Summer Symposium. That same year Linda received the Blue Feather Award. This prestigious award is given to a member who demonstrates exemplary service.

Linda will be retiring from the Board of Directors on December 31, 2020. She has helped make TBS a better organization, a true bluebird friend.

THANK YOU Linda, for all you have accomplished for TBS!

Going forward, Linda will serve as Assistant Treasurer, Presenter, Nestbox Shipper, Author - writing plant articles for TX Blues.



Pauline Tom Is Ready To Pass The Torch After 19 Years As President

TBS Was Her Idea!



Co-founder Pauline Tom has served as President of TBS since its inception in 2001. After 19 years of relentless dedication to Spreading Bluebirds Across Texas...one nestbox at a time, Pauline will be "retiring" as president on 12/31/20.

Going forward, Pauline will still serve as Consultant, Nestbox Distributor, Festival Booth Host and Presenter.



You can always find Pauline in a crowd —she wears her trademark blue apron and smile at every TBS event.

Texas Bluebird Society is a grassroots organization. Literally. It came to life with a small group of charter members sitting in lawn chairs in Pauline Tom's backyard. Not only is Pauline the co-founder of TBS, no one can deny she has been the lifeblood of the organization since its inception. Except for a short hiatus, when she was the executive coordinator of the TBS-hosted 2006 North American Bluebird Society (NABS) Conference, held in San Antonio, Pauline has served as president. After 19 years of incredible dedication and service, Pauline will be retiring as president December 31, 2020.

Pauline has helped nurture and guide the organization from a few charter members to the well-known and well-respected organization it is today. Over the years, TBS has attracted almost 7200 memberships and distributed over 17,000 nestboxes. Our active members support the TBS mission statement by embracing bluebird conservation, presenting educational presentations, hosting booths at local fairs and events, creating and maintaining our educational website, encouraging participation in NestWatch, and giving a free nestbox with face-to-face new membership. From 2002-2017 symposiums were held twice a year, then annually. Through 2019, the Silent Auction FUNdraiser has raised thousands of dollars for nestbox lumber.

Obviously, Pauline possesses many leadership skills. She is involved in every aspect of the organization from all administrative processes and procedures, nestbox building and distribution, to the complexities of planning and executing successful symposiums.

Although not a "techie" herself, she was always willing to explore technical options that would facilitate TBS activities. Facebook, QuickBooks, OneDrive, video-conferencing board meetings, online registration, elections, and credit card sales, content and slides for speakers, as well as video presentations are now part of TBS' everyday toolkit.

In addition, Pauline is the consummate ambassador for TBS. Traveling all over Texas to handle TBS details and activities and still finding time to give numerous presentations to groups/organizations both local and afar. Pauline is also an active member of NABS. In 2008 she received the NABS President's Award for her outstanding and innovative service as NABS Membership Chair. (She was still our president during this very busy year!)

With hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours over the years, Pauline can be very proud of her exemplary contributions, her perseverance when problems and issues threatened progress, her commitment to continually improve TBS, and her enthusiasm to make her vision become a reality.

I know we are!

It couldn't have happened without you! THANK YOU Pauline, for all you have accomplished for TBS!



Behind every great woman is a good man! Husband, helper, and true bluebird friend, Ron.

Board of Directors Nominees



Carrie Brown
Angelina



Brenda Clark
Chandler



Twyla Doty
Eastland



Ann Fox
Tyler



Luke Hoag
Round Rock



Lisa Mabry
Canton



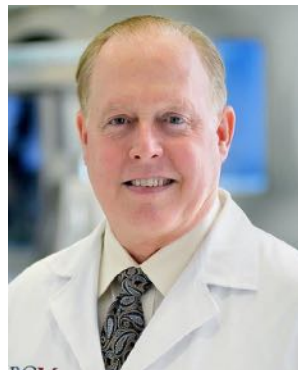
Peggy Tolboom
Dublin



Ron Tom
Mountain City



Stephen Watkins
Aubrey



Thomas Wheeler
Belliare



Paul Wick
Tyler

**Returning
Board Directors**

Lonnie Castleman*
Jane Jenkins*
Bennie Konvicka
Roberta Marshall
Pat Nail*

**on ballot for new term*

Election And Annual Survey Time!

- ◆ Watch email for link to ballot and annual survey in early November.
- ◆ Ballot is sent to email address on record. Click on the link to access the ballot. Changed your email? Send to records@txblues.org before October 29th.
- ◆ No email? Send Yes/No ballot to: TBS, PO Box 40868, Austin, TX 78704.

This is not a “competition.” Each nominee on the ballot, if elected, will serve.



Why Choose Native Plants for your Garden

Linda Crum, *Master Gardener/Master Naturalist*

Gardeners choose plants for the garden for a variety of reasons. Being well-intentioned, gardeners want to provide beauty for the landscape. They want to have trees to provide protection from the brutal Texas summer sun; they want to provide food for wildlife, so they design butterfly and hummingbird gardens. Gardening is cheaper than therapy and we have to keep up with the Joneses. Fall is one of our best planting seasons and there was a sale at the nursery. My husband, one of the more frugal beings on earth, commented to me that I sure spend a lot of money on plants. I told him to count himself blessed – it could be whiskey and cigarettes. Whatever our reason for choosing plants we usually do not think of the consequences of choosing a particular plant. We just want pretty plants for our gardens.

Nearly all gardeners get their plants from local nurseries. The plants may be indigenous to the area but far too many are exotics from Asia or Europe. While their origin does not make them bad plants, are they good for our gardens here in the USA? Some exotic plant species will not have any negative effect on the habitat, but many have a negative impact. Indigenous plants have evolved over thousands of years in the same habitat in which they are currently

found. Wildlife depend on these plants for food, shelter and nesting sites. They form the foundation of the food chain. Many butterflies, moths and bees are host specific. The Harris Checkerspot butterfly larvae can only eat one species of plant, the flat-topped white aster (*Aster umbellatus*).



Harris Checkerspot only eats asters. Photo by Eric C. Reuter

Our forests appear outwardly resilient but there is a silent struggle for survival. Plants are adapted to natural disasters such as fire, storms and drought. Indigenous species compete on a level playing field against nature. Introducing a nonindigenous plant can be like introducing cancer into the environment if that plant produces toxins or has an aggressive growth habit. Many of these nonindigenous plants no longer have the predators or diseases of their homeland that kept them in check.

Norway maple, *Acer platanoides*, was introduced into this country in 1756. This European native was used in 1858 by Fredrick Law Olmsted in designing Central Park in New York City.

It leafs out very early providing dense shade causing a decline in native trees, shrubs and understory. Spring wildflowers like trout lily are unable to bloom because of the early spring shade. Leaf chemistry of Norway maple make it unpalatable to insect larvae thus defeating the purpose of planting for wildlife. Plant a sugar maple or red maple instead.



Invasive Norway Maple



Plant the Drummond Red Maple for beautiful fall color.

Garlic mustard, *Alliaria petiolata*, a non-native invasive herb will grow in sun or shade and has seed that lasts in soil for 10 years. It can produce 62,000 seed per square meter. This herb fools butterflies into thinking it is a host plant but caterpillars cannot survive on garlic mustard. It threatens the forest canopy by secreting toxic phytochemicals that kill off mycorrhizal fungi in the soil that tree roots have developed a beneficial relationship with and depend on for survival. Garlic mustard is one of the very few non-native plants to be able to successfully invade forest understories.



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Chinese tallow, *Triadica sebifera*, a native to China, was introduced into the United States in 1776 for ornamental purposes and seed oil production. It is a short-lived but invasive tree. Leaves, fruit and sap of the tree are toxic to livestock, animals and humans. The nectar is non-toxic and prized by beekeepers. There is a better choice - choosing native plants that provide nectar for bees. Chinese tallow trees produce tannins that alter soil chemistry which limits the



invasive Chinese Tallow is pretty but deadly,

establishment of native plants. Years ago, I visited Bellingrath Gardens in Alabama. The Chinese tallow trees had displaced much of the native tree population. Some people argue that it is desirable because it has such great fall color. Well, so does our native Sassafras tree.

Whenever the native tree population is decreased, the caterpillar population is decreased. You may not care about the decrease in caterpillars but Carolina Chickadees do care. They feed their young caterpillars while in the nest – only caterpillars. According to Doug Tallamy, an entomologist at the University of Delaware, it takes between 6,000 and 9,000 caterpillars to feed one clutch of chickadees. Chickadees prefer to forage on native trees. Ninety-six percent of terrestrial birds raise their young on insects.



Birds depend on Insects. Insects depend on native plants. Photo by Dr. Tallamy..

And insects depend on native plants.

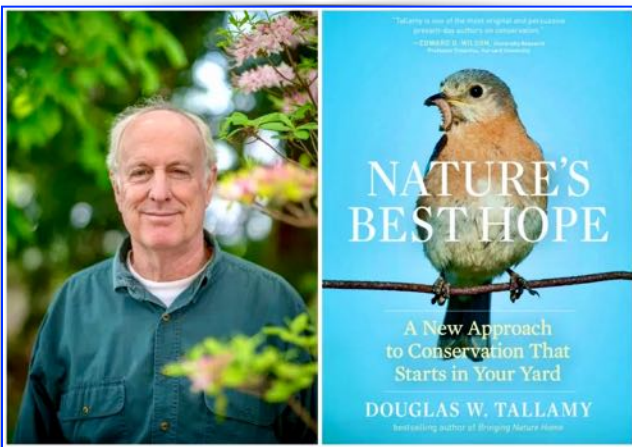
These are just three examples of how non-indigenous plants can be detrimental to the landscape. Choosing indigenous species for the landscape will eliminate these negative consequences. Adding natives provides the best and often the only source of food for wildlife. Native species preserve regional aesthetic identity and sense of place. Choosing a variety of native species can give the gardener blooms that span the seasons. Natives are also easier to maintain and have adapted to the climate thereby conserving water.



Use native Sassafras for color in your yard instead of non-native trees.

On your next trip to the nursery, look for native plants – native trees, shrubs and perennials. Look for those plants that provide nectar for bees and butterflies and berries for the birds. These plants are more likely to be found in independent nurseries rather than the big box stores. If your nursery does not have many native plants, ask for them. **Go native!**

Doug Tallamy Crusades Against Invasive Plants



Douglas W. Tallamy is professor and chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware in Newark.

Doug has authored several books on the dangers of invasive plants and how to bring the wild back into your yard.

Impact Of Native Landscape vs Introduced Plants

- Produced 75% fewer caterpillars
- Were 60% less likely to have brooding chickadees
- Nests contained 1.5 fewer eggs
- Clutches were 29% less likely to survive
- Nests produced 1.2 fewer fledglings
- Maturation was delayed by 1.5 days.

Slide from live presentation by Dr. Tallamy, hosted by National Audubon Society, on September 22, 2020. Statistics from 2018 study on impact of non-native plants on chickadee breeding.

- Surprisingly, insects contain more protein than beef, and 96% of North American land birds feed their young insects.
- The unbreakable link between native plant species and native wildlife – native insects cannot, or will not, eat alien plants.

A Cowbird Tale: This Time It Was A Win-Win

Ken and Judy Ray

As you can see in the first photograph below, when our “bluebirds of happiness” began their third clutch of eggs this year (it was mid-June) their nest was visited by the “cowbird of audacity”. As you may know, cowbirds are considered “brood parasites”—which means they lay their eggs in another species’ nests, and then let the host species incubate, feed and then care for their young. There’s little chance that we humans would not notice this intrusion, but apparently, the “host” parents do not see any difference (or, they willingly accept their duties as adoptive parents).



Cowbird egg in nest. If removed, female cowbird may return and destroys nest.

In researching this, we read that a cowbird nestling becomes a threat to the hosts’ nestlings because the cowbird egg has a shorter incubation requirement (10-12 days, as opposed to 12-14 days for bluebird eggs). Being the first hatchling to emerge from the egg, the cowbird initially gets all of the attention (i.e., food) from the dotting host parents, and grows very quickly. *Amazingly, the host parents don’t recognize any difference between the cowbird and bluebird hatchlings.* By the time the bluebirds have hatched, the cowbird hatchling is larger—and thus hungrier—than the bluebird hatchlings, so it can crowd to the front of the line when the parents bring everyone food. (Notice the size differential in the picture below. The cowbird’s mouth is open.) This can have a devastating impact on the bluebird hatchlings, sometimes to the point of starvation for some. Our initial impulse was to remove the cowbird

egg from the nest, but we didn’t—for a couple of reasons:

(1) As cowbirds are native to the U.S., they are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, thus, in most instances it is unlawful to use lethal control—which includes the removal of their eggs from a nest—without a permit. And...

(2) It has been documented that often times if the mother cowbird notices that her egg is missing from the hosts’ nest, she will return and destroy the entire nest of the host.

So, hesitantly, we decided not to remove the interloper’s egg and thus risk the total destruction of our lovely bluebirds’ nest. We hoped for the best... that all of the bluebird hatchlings would survive sufficiently to successfully fledge.

The cowbird leaves the nest in 8-13 days after hatching. Bluebirds leave the nest in 16-21 days. So the cowbird left the nest a few days before the bluebirds. Fortunately, our three bluebirds faired well enough to successfully fledge. Photos by Ken/Judy Ray.



Cowbird babies are larger and can easily take all of the food from the other babies.

Over the years, the cowbird egg in another nest dilemma has been discussed in several issues of Texas Blues. The Rays made the correct decision to leave the egg. Thankfully, this time it has a happy ending.



Lifetime Members



2001

Maxey Kirkley
 Jimmy and Benni Konvicka
 Lysle Mockler
 Charles and Jackie Post
 Doug and Karen Rohde
 William and Linda Stevens
 Ron and Pauline Tom
 Ricky Walker

2002

LeAnn Garrison Sharp
 Byron Stone
 Dr. Thomas M. Wheeler
 Marsha Winfield

2003

Jack Vick

2004

Candace Faber
 Andrew Frechtling
 Dr. John and Mrs. Judy Hutka
 Kathy and Billy Pinkerton
 Ronny Rolf

2005

Cathy Gero
 Barbara Ohlman
 Barbara Vinson

2006

Angela Austin
 Diane and Eric Hale
 Charlene Johnston
 Donna Parker
 Nancy Podio

2007

Beth and Tom Frantes
 Carla and Jim Muldrow
 Melinda Walker

2009

Edra Bogucki
 Kathy Denison

Nancy Etheridge
 Greg Grant
 Shirley Hrobar
 Pam Moes
 Susan Tracy
 Jim Weatherly

2010

Mark Byrd
 Beverly Davis
 Brant and Annette Edwards
 Leonard May
 Randy Reddemann
 Charles and Sue Wiseman

2011

Katherine Peake
 Greg and Glenda Marsh

2012

Sue Abernathy
 Jeanene Steinle Betros
 Annette Harbaugh
 Carey and Constance Hardesty
 Alan Imrek, D.D.S.
 Ainsley Lewis
 Chuck Peterson
 Jason A. Seale
 Kathy P. Weinhol

2013

Lauri Blake
 Stan Cole
 Cheryl Franklin
 Doug and Beth Grijalva
 Bryan and Diane Jones

2014

Sarah Andry
 Cathy Brown
 Mickey Dufilho
 D.A. Horn
 Jeff and Mary O. Parker
 Jeff Raimer
 Mike and Thelma Woodruff

2015

Joe Beard
 Jeffie Cappadonna
 Sherry Conner
 Gay Brown
 David W Work

2016

Christina Abazajian
 Yolando Berry
 Warren and Kay Parker
 Deborah Tugwell
 Linda Ross

2017

Kathy Bernobich
 Dr. Michael Buley
 Boyd Heath
 Donna and Chris Honkomp
 Doyal Nelms
 Annette T Paiva
 Paul Shinsky
 Sandra Spurlock
 Jean Marie Wesson

2018

Lacey Cloud
 Patricia Coyle
 Terry Dinerman
 Diana Rice

2019

Daryl Garner
 Christopher Murray

2020

Britt Causey
 Russell Cravey
 Robert Hoefler

**Awarded Honorary
 Lifetime Membership
 for extraordinary service**

Clyde and Kathi Camp
 Brian and Judy Hetherington
 Bob Houck
 David Kinneer
 Mark Klym
 Keith and Sandy Kridler
 Mike LaDeau
 Don and Cathy Mitchell
 Mary Lou and Gerald Mowery
 Shannon Ramsey
 Grace Scalzo
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There is still time
To report nesting
activity



nestwatch.org
Every nest counts!



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Volunteers Are Appreciated!

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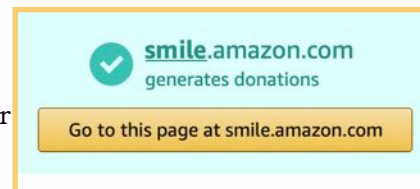
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**New members who give us permission to print their name.*

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- Cherie Bozeman
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- Richard Butler
- Melissa Castellani
- Kathleen and Claude Caylor
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- Pam and Bill Jeanes
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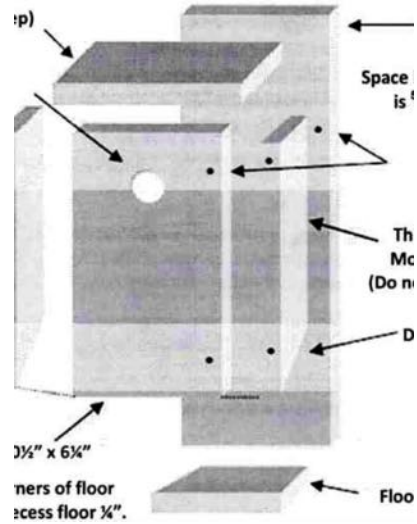


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HeatShield

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- Extra wide roof for shade
- Wide vents for better air flow
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Perfect gift for everyone, "Texas" style



Variety of items



Use on a nestbox, in your backyard or in a park

Donate to TBS



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