

Delaware County, PA Bluebird Report – 2022

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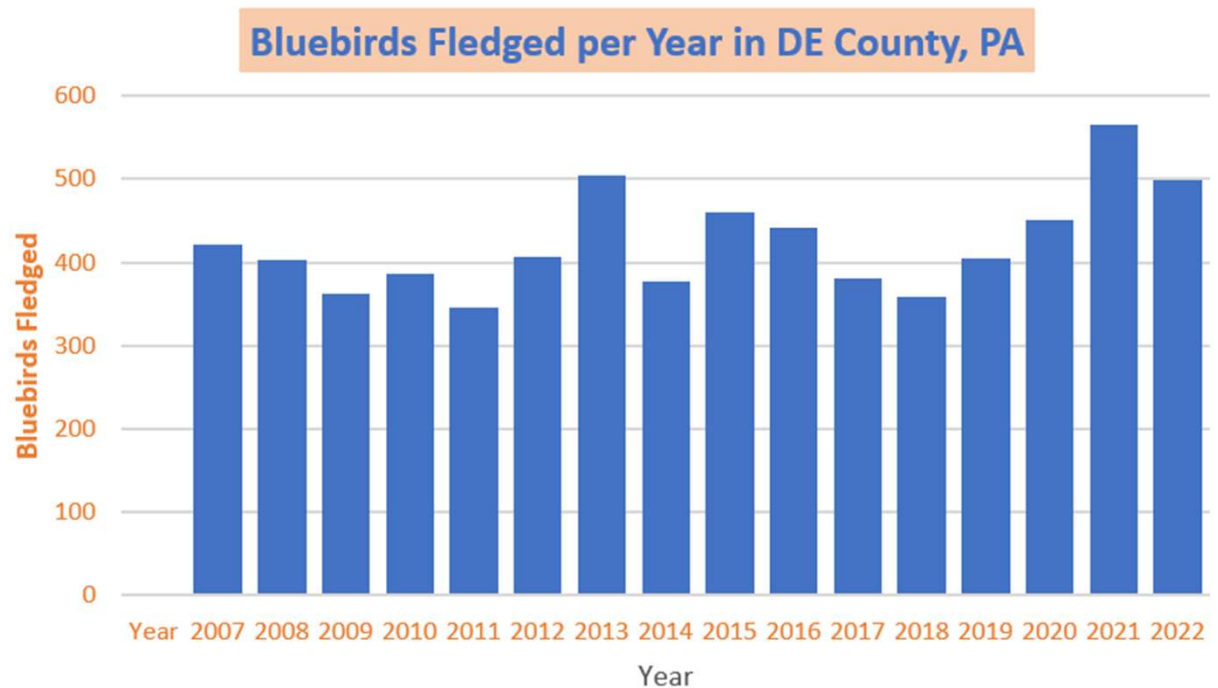


To be submitted to:

- DE County Bluebird Monitors,
- Birding Club of Delaware County, and
- The Bluebird Society of PA.

Yearly Bluebird Fledge Counts

- In 2022, the total count of bluebird fledges in DE County as reported from 15 sites is **499**.
- In 2021, total count was **565**.



Locations, Monitors, Box Counts

Location #	Monitor	Location	Number of boxes	2021 / BBs Fledged
1	Kylius (Keel) Jones	Aronimink Golf Club	35	77
2	Margaret Bue/ Frank Steinmiller	Delaware County Community College	29	41
3	Judy Burns	Edgewood Memorial Park	6	33
4	Sarah Boucas-Neto/ Karen Serwatka	Episcopal Academy	10	16
5	Barbara and Lou Hahn	Garrett Williamson	10	21
6	Tom Reeves	Granite Farms	15	24
7	Rick/Sharon West	Greenbank Farm	20	19
8	Lois Puglionesi	Haverford Reserve	7	2
9	Dave/Diane Redash	Lima Estates / Mirmont Treatment Center/Cumberland Cemetery	15	41
10	Bruce Montag	Mt Hope United Methodist Church	10	23
11	Susan/Vance Downing	Newlin Grist Mill	14	18
12	Sandy Lutz / Cathy Zurbach / Caroline Coleman	Ridley Creek State Park	18	42
13	Roberta Menapace	Rose Tree Park	8	20
14	Suzanne/Brian Clauser	Tyler Arboretum	42	61
15	Elaine Sams (starting 2022)	White Horse Village	41	61
			280	499

County-wide Data

BLUEBIRDS:

1. How many Bluebird eggs were: # 651 laid # 533 hatched # 0 white eggs
2. How many Bluebirds fledged: # 499 (successfully developed and exited the nestbox)

NATIVE BIRDS:

1. Tree Swallows: # of nests 78 # fledged 314
2. House Wrens: # of nests 34 # fledged 167
3. Chickadees: # of nests 7 # fledged 38

2022 Season Items to Note

- House wren fledges were up from 2022. The Bluebird Society of PA asks all monitors to aim to reduce house wren use of bluebird nest boxes.
- Chickadee fledges up from 6 in 2021 to 38 in 2022.
- Box monitoring personnel changes:
 - Barbara and Alan Mennig retired from their activities at White Horse Village. Elaine Sams began leading the monitoring committee there this season.
 - After this season, Kylius Jones is retiring from his monitoring at Aronomink Golf Course. The monitoring efforts will be assumed by Rich Reimers, a member of the course staff.

Future Considerations for 2023 Season

- Make any necessary Repairs/replacements/relocations in the early spring. Monitors: please make a list of your box repair/replacement needs and we'll make a plan for the early spring to address.
- Reduce house wren nest box usage in 2023. If certain nests routinely attract house wrens, we should relocate the box, remove the box, remove wren nesting material when no eggs.
- Add more nest boxes and sites to the DE County list. This is the pending list:
 - Hildacy Preserve
 - Edgemont Township Building
 - Harvey Run Trail
 - Barrett's Meadow
 - Willows Park Preserve