

Delaware County, PA Bluebird Report – 2024

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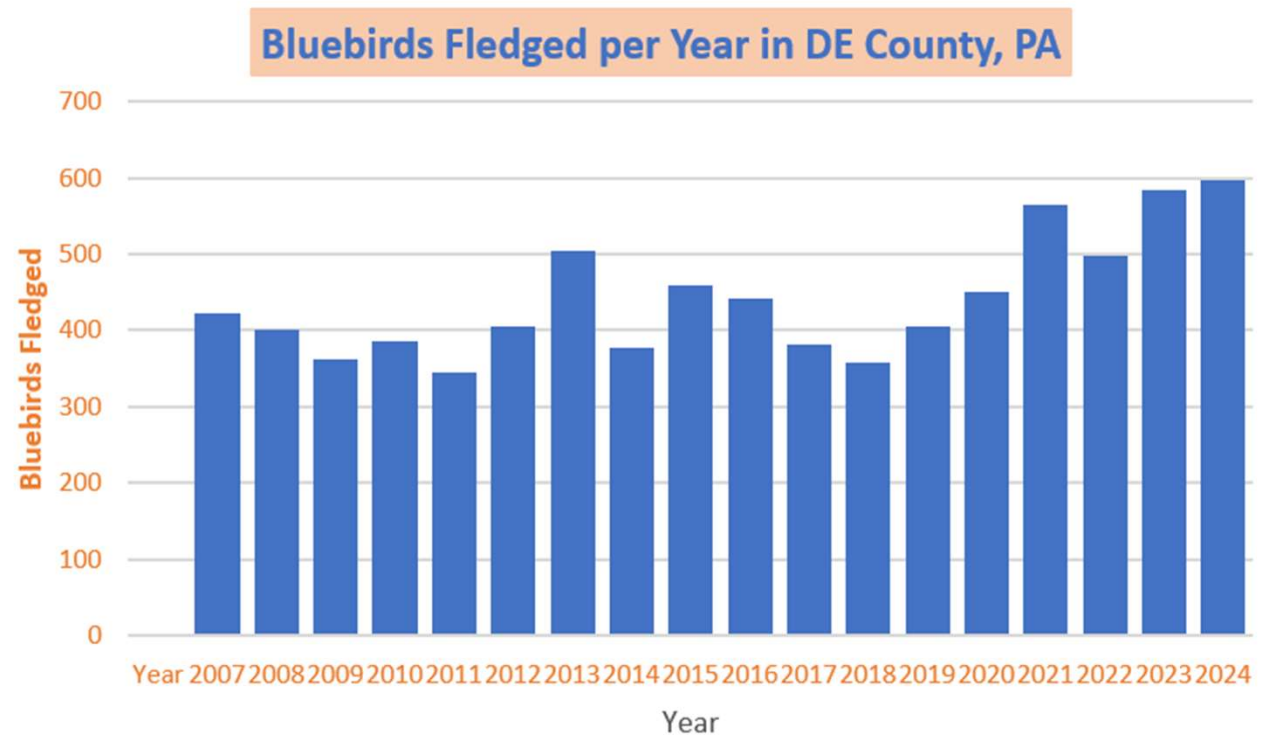


To be submitted to:

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

Yearly Bluebird Fledge Counts

- In 2024, the total count of fledged bluebirds in DE County is **596**, as reported from **19** sites.
- In 2023, total count was **585** from **19** sites.



2024 Season Items to Note

- **Many thanks to the team leads and monitors** who visit the nest boxes weekly to count and care for the entire cycle: from eggs to fledge!
- **This season had its challenges:** including too-cool weather, too-hot weather, too-wet weather, mysterious predations, and, of course, pesky house sparrows. But our bluebirds and the monitoring team persevered and we ended up with the county's highest fledge count ever!
- **We added two sites** to the 2024 monitoring program this year:
 - **Garrett Williamson:** Monitoring of this site was resumed in 2024.
 - Thanks to Susan D'Amico for monitoring at this site this season.
 - **Brinton Run Preserve:** Nine new boxes were installed at this site this season.
 - Establishing a bluebird trail was a goal of the North American Land Trust staff at this Preserve which opened in the spring of 2022. Many thanks go to Matt Stutzman and Wyatt Moyer and to your team!
- **We had a new monitor at Newlin Grist Mill** this season and four new nestboxes. Thank you, Danielle Gown and staff member, Jessica Shahan, for picking up this site.
- Krista Hixon reported that she and the monitoring team at the **Willows Park Preserve utilized the Cornell Watch phone app** to record nesting progress through the season. In the spring, we'll aim to have a Zoom session for anyone interested in learning about this process.

Locations, Box and Fledge Counts

Location	Number of boxes	BBs Fledged	Location	Number of Boxes	BBs Fledged
Aronimink Golf Club	35	91	Lima Estates / Mirmont Treatment Center/Cumberland Cemetery	15	31
Brinton Run Preserve	9	4	Linvilla Orchard Trail	36	66
Delaware County Community College	30	48	Mt Hope United Methodist Church and local home	10	35
Edgemont Township Bldg	3	4	Newlin Grist Mill	14	8
Episcopal Academy/Newtown			Ridley Creek State Park	24	58
Meadow Preserve	10	6	Rose Tree Park	13	28
Garrett-Williamson Farm	8	27	Tyler Arboretum	39	66
Granite Farms Estates	15	15	White Horse Village	35	42
Greenbank Farm	20	16	Willows Park Preserve	10	25
Haverford Reserve	14	0			
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				358	596

County-wide Data

BLUEBIRDS:

1. How many Bluebird eggs were: # 805 laid # 644 hatched # 10 white eggs.
2. How many Bluebirds fledged: # 596 (successfully developed and exited the nestbox)

NATIVE BIRDS:

1. Tree Swallows: # of eggs 451 # fledged 433
2. House Wrens: # of eggs 185 # fledged 176
3. Chickadees: # of eggs 46 # fledged 35

Thank You!

If you have interest in learning how-to monitor bluebird nest boxes at Delaware County sites and participating in our seasonal efforts beginning in 2025, please contact margaretcbue@hotmail.com.