



## Monitor Training Manual

---

*Dedicated to the recovery and enhancement of the western bluebird.*

---

Welcome to PBRP!

Monitor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Monitor's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Bander's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bander's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Bander's Email \_\_\_\_\_

This manual is published by the Prescott Bluebird Recovery Project (PBRP).  
© 2004 Prescott Bluebird Recovery Project. All rights reserved.

PBRP is a non-profit 501C(3), all-volunteer organization registered with the State of Oregon (tax identification #93-1021520) and dedicated to the recovery, restoration, and enhancement of the western bluebird in the northern Willamette Valley of Oregon. To receive information by phone, call 503.245.8449.

Please send all correspondence and tax-deductible donations to:  
PBRP  
P.O. Box 1469  
Sherwood, OR 97140

The *PBRP Newsletter* is available free by mail each spring and fall or you may read it online at [www.prescottbluebird.com](http://www.prescottbluebird.com).

### Reader Comment Card

The *Monitor Training Manual* is a work in progress. If you have suggestions for additions or changes to this manual, please photocopy this page, write your comments below, and return the completed comment card to PBRP at the address listed above. Thank you for your contribution.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Table of Contents

## ***Introduction***

What is the Prescott Bluebird Recovery Project?	1
Why Do Western Bluebirds Need Help?	1
What Does the Project Do?	1
How Does the Project Help Bluebirds?	1
Critical Timeline	2
Steering Committee Members	3
Licensed Banders and Banders-in-Training	3
North American Bluebird Society Membership Form	4

## ***How to Monitor a Bluebird Route***

Introduction	1
Before the Breeding Season	1
During the Breeding Season	2
Banding and Fledging	4
After the Breeding Season	5
Troubleshooting	6

## ***About Nest Boxes***

Introduction	1
Site Selection	1
Nest Box Numbers	2

## ***Nesting Activity***

Introduction	1
Nesting Cycle	1
Birds Using Prescott Nest Boxes	2
Pictures of Bluebird and Other Species' Nests	3
Pictures of Developing Bluebird Nestlings	9

## ***Predator and Competitor Control***

Introduction	1
Predators	1
Competitors	2
Controls	4
Equipment	5

## ***Supplemental Feeding***

Introduction	1
Policies and Procedures	1
Mealworm Care Instructions	2

## ***Tools and Terminology***

Introduction	1
Tools of the Trade	1
Glossary of Terms	3

# Table of Contents

## **Sample Forms**

Introduction	1
Sample Forms Included	1
Volunteer Mileage and Expense Form	2
Nest Box Monitoring Form – Blank	3
Nest Box Monitoring Form – Sample	4
New or Changed Nest Box Form – Blank	5
Bluebird Nesting Report – Blank	6
Bluebird Nesting Report – Sample	7

## **Route Details**

Introduction	1
Nest Boxes by Monitors Report	
Owners' Names and Addresses Report	
Nest Box Monitoring Forms (Customized for each route)	

## **Statistical Data**

Introduction	1
Bluebirds Banded and Recaptured from 1988 to 2003	1
Nesting Results for 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003	2

## **Pocket Contents**

PBRP Business Cards	
PBRP Brochures	
PBRP Newsletters	
Nest Box Plans	
Volunteer Dash Board Sign	
<i>The Comeback Bird</i> Fact Sheet	
<i>Enjoying Bluebirds More</i> Booklet	