

2009 Statewide Nesting Statistics

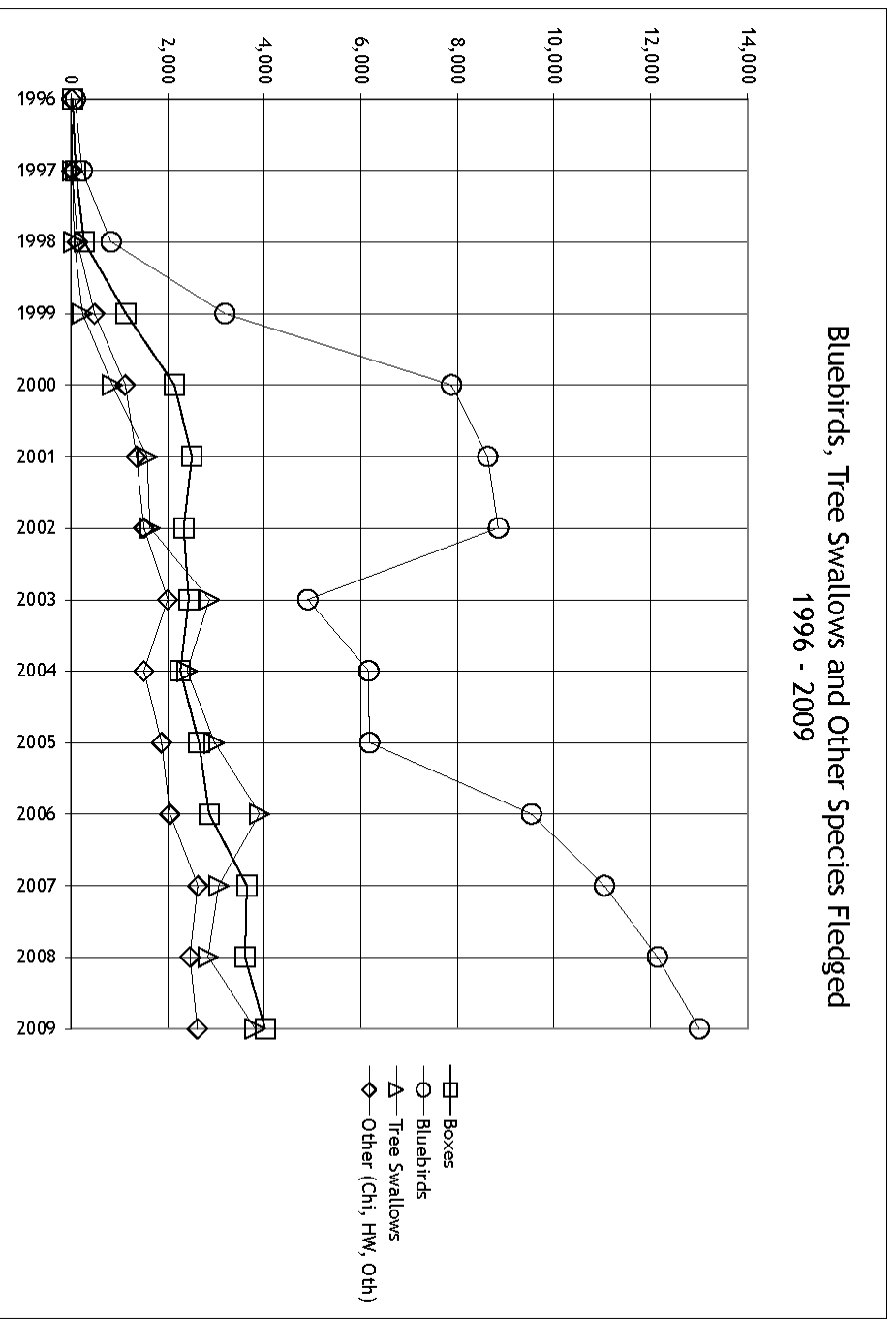
The year 2009 was a great one for bluebirds. There was a significant rise in the number of boxes monitored by VBS members: it's already up to a record breaking 4109 and will likely go up another hundred or so as the last dribbles of data come in. The complete data will show up on the VBS Web site in the spring.

The graph summarizes the results from the last fourteen years. Firstly, a total of 13,269 bluebirds were fledged in 2009, which is up from a total of about 12,300 the previous year. Secondly, Tree Swallows remain the second most common species on our trails, with a total of over 3,800 fledged. Thirdly, the numbers of other species fledged (such as chickadees, House Wrens, titmice and others) totaled slightly fewer than 2,700. And finally, counting all species, about 19,430 were fledged.

The table on the reverse side has the details broken out by county. You would notice a slight change in format of this table. In the previous years we used to include all data received, whether or not every reporter filled in every box in their data submissions. This occasionally resulted in trails that apparently fledged more birds than the number of eggs laid. This year, the main table includes only complete data, while the submissions that included only partial data are summarized in a separate line at the bottom of the table. In all cases, all fledglings were reported.

In the end, the big deal about the 2009 data is that it was better in every way from previous years! So, to all of those trail monitors, trail leaders, and county coordinators that sent us their data: Good job! VBS thanks you!

– *Charlie Chambers, Data Manager*



2009 Virginia Bluebird Society State Summary Statistics

County	Trail Leader/County Coordinator	Number of Boxes	Bluebirds				Chickadees				Tree Swallows				House Wrens				Other			
			Nest Attempts	Eggs	Hatched	BBFledged	Nest Attempts	Eggs	Hatched	Fledged	Nest Attempts	Eggs	Hatched	Fledged	Nest Attempts	Eggs	Hatched	Fledged	Nest Attempts	Eggs	Hatched	Fledged
Albemarle	Dunn, A	287	358	1316	1019	938	4	18	11	11	70	339	275	259	3	14	11	11	4	24	22	22
Arlington	Davis-Holland, A	12	1	4	1	1	3	9	5	4					8	39	20	18				
Augusta	King, Jo	30	23	98	89	83					18	88	83	80	2	9	9	9				
Bedford	Groggins, B&P	35	54	237	221	217	3	14	10	10	3	17	16	16								
Botetourt	Evans, T	284	202	802	679	660	6	21	12	6	176	841	746	694	68	248	203	203	1			
Buchanan	Mayhorn, R	66	57	247	226	220	2	9	9	9	4	21	20	20								
Clarke	Lichliter, K	110	72	286	231	205	1	2			69	349	279	255	52	267	209	196	2	4		
Culpeper	Tracy, B&P	11	16	69	66	66					4	21	19	19								
Fairfax	Chambers/Bishop	619	581	2036	1693	1537	68	334	237	233	149	708	600	571	91	444	395	382	24	99	64	64
Fauquier	Wilczek, P&F	59	31	131	123	122	1	6	6		9	47	47	47	8	33	33	33				
Fluvana	Tyler, F	5									3	6	6	6								
Frederick	Lichliter, K	16	18	79	73	60					3	16	14	12	3	17	17	17	4	12	4	2
Giles	Opengari, B	22	12	50	50	49	2	9	5	5	10	37	28	28								
Greene	Wilczek, P&F	41	27	119	117	116	5	28	28	28	5	22	22	22	2	12	12	12	5	19		
Henry	Doyle, J	171	255	1050	886	837	1	4	4	4	6	24	24	24								
King George	Elkins, B	22	35	157	155	137	3	15	14	14	2	9	9	5					1	6	6	6
Lancaster	Boundy, P	15	17	77	67	59	1	5	5	5												
Loudoun	Evans, E	258	301	977	846	752	21	49	34	31	110	473	410	391	38	162	143	131	149	278	11	10
Louisa	Tyler, F	20	16	55	48	44	10	25	16	16									1	7	7	7
Montgomery	Opengari, B	131	64	273	218	172	6	33	27	23	52	203	190	157	44	197	108	105				
Nelson	Davis, P	123	155	617	530	483	7	33	33	33	17	80	68	68	6	20	15	14				
Northumberland	Stange, J	103	150	631	554	532	2	11	11	11	1	8	8	8					1	8	8	8
Orange	Gibson, B	34	35	119	90	63	1	5	5	5	20	90	71	65								
Patrick	Boran, C	16	11	39	39	34	1	6	6	3					2	6	6	6	4	5		
Pittsylvania	Fuquay, V	555	678	2938	2629	2549	44	230	213	213	53	215	196	184	30	149	129	128	10	55	49	49
Prince Wm. No.	Swanson, B	96	131	356	337	286	1	8	8	8	21	62	48	44	10	57	54	54	7	27	7	2
Prince Wm. So.	Hindman, C	102	124	539	446	444	1	6	6	6	17	83	67	72	10	43	35	35				
Pulaski	Hansen, C	118	48	209	166	133	6	33	27	23	32	165	155	124	44	197	108	105				
Rapahannock	Patterson, B	4	3	16	15	15	1	6	5	5									1	4	4	4
Roanoke	Morris, E	320	336	1418	1222	1166	9	48	36	30	130	535	473	438	13	62	31	23	9	43	40	40
Rockbridge	Kvech, S	37	21	92	77	75					26	126	99	94								
Rockingham	Kahler, C	22	15	74	74	74	2	12	12	12	4	20	15	15					3	15	15	15
Shenandoah	Morlan, S	8	19	79	61	54					1	5	5	5								
Spotsylvania	Little, A	61	66	272	8	4	11	56	37	35	2	10	10	9	15	85	66	66	9	43	33	32
Stafford	Elkins, B	11	12	50	50	48					3	16	16	16								
Warren	Swanson, B	26	37	164	123	94	2	12	8	8	7	37	23	11	4	20	4	4				
Westmoreland	Daley, R	55	78	331	275	248	3	20	17	15	5	26	19	11					5	26	19	11
Totals (column sums)		3905	4059	16007	13504	12577	228	1067	847	806	1032	4699	4061	3770	453	2081	1608	1552	240	675	289	272
Incomplete data ¹		204				692					32			59								30
Grand Totals ²		4109	4059	16007	13504	13269	228	1067	847	838	1032	4699	4061	3829	453	2081	1608	1552	240	675	289	302

Notes: 1. This is data in which some or all elements (nest attempts, eggs laid, and/or eggs hatched) were excluded. No data excluded hatchings.
2. Counting all species, a total of 19,790 birds were fledged.