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Dedicated to Bluebird Enthusiasts

The Florida Bluebird Society's mission is the conservation and protection of bluebirds and other federally protected cavity nesting bird species in North America. The FBS encourages a collaborative effort from its members and readers to provide information, ideas and articles to help collect and disseminate pertinent and relevant information pertaining to bluebirds in Florida.

The FBS is an affiliate of the North American Bluebird Society.

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Photo Courtesy of FBS Vice President Phil Berry



The Bluebird Clutch Gallery



We would love to fly into your backyard and see pictures of your bluebirds with any informative and interesting stories you may have about them. Please keep pictures to a maximum of 4 for each submission and a short story if you have one. We may have to edit your submission to accommodate space or to complement other newsletter content for that issue.

We can use several submissions per monthly issue so we will save multiples received for future issues. Please email your pictures and stories to Barbie Arms, FBS Corresponding Secretary at floridabluebirds@aol.com

Exciting Late Clutch

We have baby blues... 5 of them -- about 9 days old and I didn't even know there was an active nest !

Shortly after clutch #2 fledged, I kept checking for signs of the female building and didn't see anything in the box. We didn't see them in the yard hanging around. The first clutch was nested someplace nearby, but not in our yard, so I thought maybe she had gone back to her first location. On and off during the day, I might see the parents at the mealworm feeder. Then, yesterday, I noticed that Poppa grabbed a mouthful of mealies and headed straight for the nest. We monitored the box and everything looks fine. From the feathers, it looked like they are 9-10 days old.

And, more surprises !!! Last week, we had some juveniles hanging in the yard around the birdbath ... 7 of them. We only had 3 in clutch #2, so I don't know where the others came from.



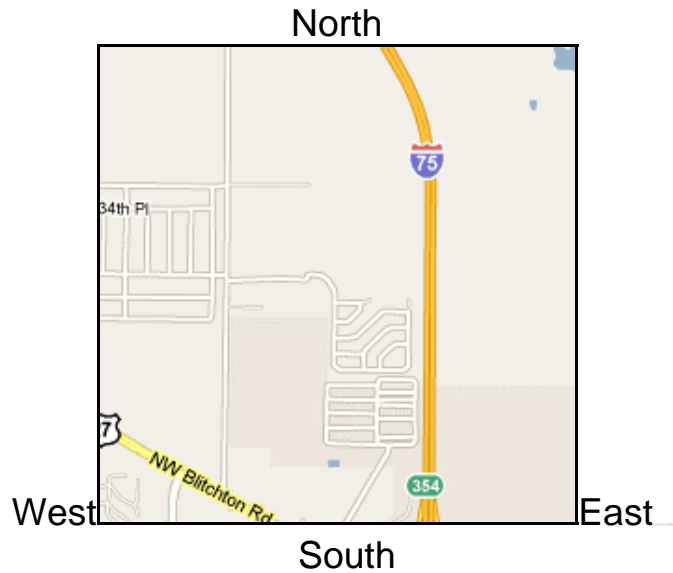
Story and pictures courtesy of FBS member Ce Worley

Deadline for submissions for the September issue is September 12, 2011



Our FBS Annual Meeting

The upcoming annual meeting of the Florida Bluebird Society will be held this coming Saturday, August 20, 2011 starting at 11:00 A.M. The location of the meeting will be held at the Sweetwater Oaks Park Clubhouse at 3151 N.W. 44th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34482. This is a gated community so please RSVP to receive the gate code to enter. The map shows the 200 home community located on the West side of I-75 and North of Hwy 27 (NW Blitchton Road) in Ocala. Coming from the North you would take the exit 354 and go right onto N.W. Blitchton Road, go ½ mile and turn right onto N.W. 44th Avenue. Go 1 mile and turn right into the Sweetwater Oaks gated community. Coming from the South you would take exit 354 and turn left onto N.W. Blitchton Road and follow above directions. More detailed directions can be given upon request. Signs will be put up at the Sweetwater Oaks gated entrance to lead you back to the Clubhouse.



We will have a mix and mingle until 11:30 then start the meeting. We will be providing refreshments, sandwich rings and snacks from the Publix deli for lunch. The clubhouse has a full kitchen so you are welcome to bring your own lunch or refreshments if you have special dietary needs.

Exciting News!

We are registered with the USA National Phenology Network (NPN) website <http://www.usanpn.org/home> that includes Nature's Notebook a new project available for Groups and Organizations. This Notebook will allow our members to report their nesting data on bluebirds in Florida.



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During the meeting we will have an exciting presentation showing our members how to post their bluebird nesting activity on the USA National Phenology Network website with Nature's Notebook.



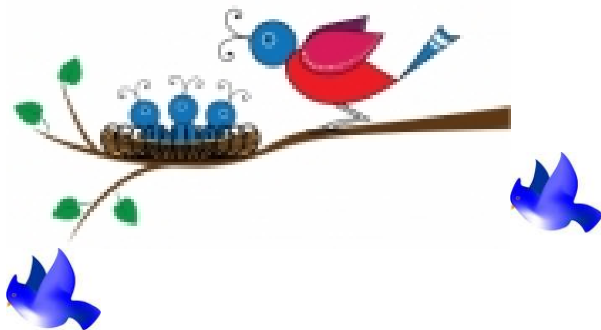
Please RSVP to Barbie Arms if you plan to attend our meeting at email floridabluebirds@aol.com so we can be sure to have enough food, make the nametags and give you the gate code to enter the Community.

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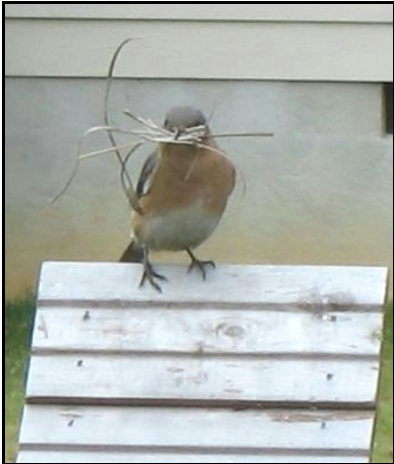
The 2011 Convention Committee invites you to attend the 33rd Annual Convention of the North American Bluebird Society on September 15-18 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel, Hwy 45 Bypass, Jackson TN.

For more detailed information please visit the website by clicking on the Annual Convention tab at <http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/>
Email Contact is Farrell Roe
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****Reminder****

If **you** are planning to change **your** email address please inform us and send updates to Barbie at email address floridabluebirds@aol.com



Annual Membership

It is now time to renew your annual membership. All memberships expire in August. Why not come to the Annual Meeting and renew your membership at that time?

A membership form is available on the website. If you have any questions regarding your membership please contact Faith Jones at puffin_fj@yahoo.com

Want to communicate with the Florida Bluebird Society, other bluebird enthusiasts, or simply have a bluebird question? Please visit our website

Website <http://floridabluebirdsociety.com/>

Or

Email: floridabluebirdsociety@yahoo.com

Delphiforums: where you can ask questions about Eastern Bluebirds

Florida Bluebird Society at Delphiforums

<http://forums.delphiforums.com/FLBluebirdSoc/start>

You will need to register for a free screen name to post at Delphiforums

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Florida-Bluebird-Society/146994685328275>

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