

JUNE 2012 Bird Update & News!



What have Birds-I-View friends seen ??

Well, everyone is seeing LOTS of **baby birds** that's for sure! Many of our friends are telling us they have Bluebirds or Purple Martins in their nest boxes/housing for the first time ever...and some have been trying for years! So never give up and keep doing your best to provide safe habitat for our native cavity nesters. Of course folks are seeing many non-cavity-nesting young birds around right now also—I am watching an **immature Brown Thrasher** at my waterfall bird bath on my deck as I write this! Do check out the pics on this page of some of the common native cavity nesting birds right now, and then download a couple of our brochures from the **Educational Page** of our website: our **BLUEBIRD Educational Brochure** and the **Little Bird Nest Box Brochure** will both give details about nest description, estimated days for eggs to hatch and more.



HUNGRY Tufted Titmouse nestlings!



Nestling Bluebirds in the BIV "Store" nest box.



In addition to nesting Cavity-nesters...there are lots of other exciting happenings around! Steve and I had friends visit from out of town on June 10th and with in a couple of hours they were able to add three new birds to their life lists! Here in Jefferson City we got the **Western Kingbirds** nesting near K-Mart on Missouri Blvd, the **Scissor-tailed Flycatchers** nesting near Walgreens on Truman Blvd, and the **Brown Pelican** over at Binder lake! What fun. Last week a trip to Eagle Bluffs by local birders produced **American White Pelicans**, three **Sandhill Cranes**, and over 200 Plovers and Sandpipers! The River Bluffs Audubon chapter field trip the first of the month (to Hi Lonesome Prairie) netted **Blue Grosbeak**, **Upland sandpiper**, **Willow flycatcher**, **Scissor-tailed flycatcher**, and **Bell's Vireo**. Steve and I are seeing four to five *different* pair of **Baltimore Orioles** come to our mealworm feeders each morning and carry away mouthfuls of worms to feed babies. Still seeing both **Orchard** and **Baltimore Orioles** in the BIV Bird Garden. Immature **Woodpeckers** are reportedly joining the adults at the Suet feeder feasts! (We saw a young **Northern Flicker** just this morning being fed suet on our deck). **American Goldfinch** are gorgeous now! Soon they will pair up (they are late nesters) . Keep their feeders clean and shake the feeders often.



Juvenile Tufted Titmouse



House Wren and nest of twigs. Wren photo by T. Simmons



Tree Swallows



Tree Swallow nestlings

As always, Steve and I appreciate the business and the friendship you share with us! **Steve & Regina Garr**, Birds-I-View

Upcoming "Bird Events"!

- **June 15 & 16th Martinfest** in Griggsville, IL

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- **July 13– 15th Missouri Bluebird Conference!** Jefferson City, MO

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