

# 2011 Statistics

Greetings Monitors & Banders!

Once again I have to thank everyone for all the hours for volunteer work in the field and compiling your stats for the 2011 year. Wow! The weather was a wild one, eh? I know that the impact on the bluebird population was very apparent as a second brood was almost non-existent. It may comfort all to know that I learned from the MBT Montana Conference in Fort Peck on the weekend of September 23-25, that not only our area suffered with odd weather. Our southern affiliates had almost 5 times more snow in eastern Montana than is the norm! Not only were the birds affected but also most mammals took a population hit due to lack of food.

The stats were slow at coming in this year for the last few remitters. This seems to happen every year and it holds up the production of the Fall newsletter that announces the Annual General Meeting. Please try your hardest to get the bander's and more importantly the monitor's report in right away in the beginning of September. I so appreciate it. Each year I also have some reports from monitors come in after October and the meeting. This skews our stats a little.

The board of MBT has taken on new members this past year. The evolution of our society has come so far in the last 22 years since I stumbled into volunteering. We have a new wonderful committed board, please do make a point of coming to the AGM on October 29th. Gerry Kylo is the new trail manager and he has put considerable effort into continuing to catalogue those trails of yours. Please call him if you think your trail has not been added to the database. This can be very important if we have to temporarily or permanently assign your trail to another person. Thanks so much, Gerry!

Cheers,  
Gwen Tietz, Master Bander

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Bluebird eggs	7237	5900	3739	2483	3286	3049	1904
Nestlings fledged	4866	5296	2914	1891	2447	1824	1510
Sterile eggs	579	363	352	187	296	289	366
Abandoned eggs	503	253	189	213	284	327	120
Dead nestlings	1230	352	264	219	259	608	152
Tree swallow nest	788	609	675	482	716	506	511
Successful nests	1024	1331	655	405	578	436	317

