Birding is generally interesting, sometimes challenging but always rewarding for the enthusiast. So many of our bluebird monitors have commented on how much they enjoy getting out checking their boxes and watching the progress whether it’s early morning or late afternoon. I want to recognize all of our monitors and back-up monitors for their efforts whether it was their first year or their umpteenth. They are:

Balboa - Garrett, Moeck, Elliott, Trabant
Coronado - Gunderson, LaBove, Mueller
Cortez –Baal, Geiger Cukjati, Higby
DeSoto – Bienstadt, Wallick, Baldwin, Fickes
Diamante – Fremstad, Callicott, Krone, Hopper
Granada – Kroetz, Barnoske, Sherman, Johnson
Isabella – Weber, Black, Voss, Kubica, Vanauken
Magellan – Rector, Raymond, Montgomery, Jones
Ponce – Williams, Taylor, Biddle
Coronado Center – Riedel, Condon
Woodlands – Geiger, Baal

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

There will be monitor openings next year so please think about volunteering to experience nature at its finest.

The results for 2017 were not impressive but I don’t believe we have reason for concern. Predation was up considerably as well as the nesting/fledging of “other” birds. One of my biggest concerns is the poor condition of many of the baffles. Many, many reports of missing eggs in nests (note 2111 eggs, 1571 hatched). Primarily this can be attributed to snakes getting around the baffle. The following boxes have had no bluebird activity for the past two years, so next spring I will evaluate and possibly move them: Balboa – 5, 5A, 12, 15, Coronado – 13A, Coronado Center – 1, Cortez – 1A, 3A, 5, 8, 16, 16A, DeSoto – 1, Diamante – 2, 5, 9, Granada – 4, 5, 6, 9, 14A, 15, 15A, Pinta – 9, 1, 1A, 6, Magellan – 10A.

Adolph Juarez will continue to be our ‘builder extrodinar’, but we hope to find a volunteer to assist with the minor repair, replace, and relocate duties for the bluebird trails.

Following is a five year recap:

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Please refer to the attached supplemental data report for more details. This report lists the HSV Audubon bluebird box locations on each of our 9 golf courses, Woodlands/Grove Park, the Coronado Center and the respective results for 2016.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Jurek, Bluebird Monitor Chair
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