***Tips on Bluebird House Placement and Maintenance***

1. Select good bluebird habitat – open country with scattered trees and shrubs, and low ground cover. Pastures, golf courses, parks, roadsides and cemeteries are examples of good locations. Avoid brushy or heavily wooded areas, or places where pesticides are heavily used.
2. Keep boxes well away from farm buildings (at least ¼ mile); this will help discourage House Sparrows from using your boxes.
3. Mount nest boxes on metal posts if possible, no closer together than 100 yards, and 5 feet from the ground. Face boxes to the east or southeast, if possible. It helps if the birds have a perch in sight of the front of the box.
4. Check boxes about once a week during the nesting season. Remove any House Sparrow nests immediately. Remove nests of other species after the young have fledges. Bluebirds will often nest again and raise a second or even third brood in a single season.
5. Inspect, and repair if necessary, all boxes in late winter. Boxes should be clean and ready for use by mid-March.
6. **Only put up as many boxes as you have time to monitor properly.**