

## BIRDS HELP WITH INSECT MANAGEMENT

Recreational users of a trail along a river in a residential area complained of large quantities of midge flies and mosquitoes. Instead of spraying with pesticides, 100 nesting boxes were installed on poles along the river to attract insect-eating birds. They were monitored weekly during the nesting season.

75% were occupied by pairs of Tree Swallows and Western Bluebirds #ADULT BIRDS: \_\_\_\_\_

50% of the boxes produced 4 fledglings # BIRDS: \_\_\_\_\_

30% of the boxes produced 3 fledgling #BIRDS: \_\_\_\_\_

20% of the boxes produced 2 fledgling #BIRDS: \_\_\_\_\_

How many insect-eating birds fed in the area during the nesting season? TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRDS: \_\_\_\_\_

Male Western Bluebird



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Tree Swallow parent feeding nestling



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