

Competition Compensation Consequences

As a result of the wide-spread removal of dying trees particularly in urban areas, Tree Swallows have lost natural nesting habitat. Their strong preference to nest adjacent to fields, wetlands and other water sources compounds the challenges they face. Nest boxes are used increasingly to compensate these birds for this loss of nesting habitat. You are on a committee to discuss the pros and cons of nest box expansion vs dead tree retention in your community. What would be the questions and issues you would wish to explore. What professional, regional and other resources might you wish to draw upon?



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