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Above: Bluebird in Autumn, photo courtesy Kenn & Temple, Backyard Birders in St. Louis, MO

Fall Meeting Review

The Fall NYSBS Meeting was held at the Rogers Environmental Education Center in Sherburne on September 25th. There were about 50 members in attendance from all areas of the state.

The Board of Directors met and the business meeting was held. Officers elected were president, John Ruska; 1st vice president, Rich Wells; and 2nd vice president, Dave Heidenreich. The directors elected were Kevin Berner, Kimberley Corwin, Judy Derry, Russ Guard, Dave Hofer, and Gary Kent. The Fran Hanes Memorial Conservation Award was presented to Bill Zitek and the Herman Bressler Distinguished Service Award was presented to Ray Briggs.

The programs presented covered three topics. Ray Briggs did a program entitled “What Birds Eat”. He covered two large tables with branches filled with colorful seeds and berries all neatly labeled. He talked about which birds preferred the wide range of plants displayed and where they grow best. Plants and trees such as red cedar, gray dogwood, elderberry, wild grapes, etc., can be purchased from Saratoga Tree Farm, DEC in Saratoga Springs. He also talked about some of the invasive species such as Japanese Honeysuckle and others and which birds eat their seeds and berries. Much of his talk stressed the importance of native plants such as staghorn sumac, mountain ash and others, and their importance to the environment.

Carl Zenger, Rich Wells and John Ruska presented a program about Purple Martins and how they are similar and differ in nesting habits from bluebirds. Carl talked about his project at the National Wildlife Refuge at Oak Orchard over the past four years. He described three different types of houses (wood, metal and gourds) and the advantages and the disadvantages of them. He discussed the problems he confronted with House Sparrows and European Starlings and the different methods to control them. Rich talked about how he bands them and the numbers he bands each year. John’s PowerPoint program gave information from the Purple Martin Conservation Association in Erie, PA, about their range, migration, nesting etc. He also showed photos of a colony that Bev and John adopted at DEC Headquarters in Dunkirk. The Purple Martin colony at Chautauqua Institution, monitored by Jack Gulvin, has 101 rooms and has fledged 2,800 martins over the past eleven years.

Valerie Freer presented the third program of the day “Banding of Saw-whet Owls”. She taught Biology and Ornithology at Sullivan Community College and is from Ellenville. Over the past forty years she had banded 108 different species of birds on her property and had never banded an owl. One evening she setup an audiotape and in a short time she had species 109, a Saw-whet Owl. She has successfully caught, banded and photographed many more. She found that the large majority of them to be very docile and loved to be held and handled. She showed many photos of them being banded and held by adoring children and adults.

John Ruska, NYSBS President

Greetings from The President

I hope that your summer was as pleasant and enjoyable tending your bluebird boxes as ours was. Bev and I had our best year ever due to the use of the sparrow spooker. Our US Rt. 20 trail proved to be much more manageable with the help of it. We also took on another cavity nester this summer, a neglected Purple Martin colony (read about it in the report on the Fall meeting). We all know the joy of working with bluebirds; other cavity nesters such as the Purple Martins and Saw-whet Owls, will provide similar thrills.

Welcome to our new newsletter layout artist, Cherie Layton. We welcome her onboard. Even though she is a very busy lady, she has volunteered her time to help us make the *Bluebird News* an eye-pleasing and informative publication. To get the best version of the newsletter, I encourage you to sign up for the online version. Much of the success of the newsletter depends on receiving articles from you. This newsletter has two such articles. You will enjoy reading the reports from Ray Briggs and Norm Frey. Please send any material to either Judy Derry at ehderry@aol.com or John Ruska at ruskhill@yahoo.com.

We plan this year to include a couple of new features, which will rely on your participation. The first is a "Question and Answer" section. You send me your questions about bluebirds and other cavity nesters and Niles Brown, Rich Wells and Bill Zitek will answer them. The other feature is a "Help Wanted" column. Activities where we need volunteers or you are in need of help to put on a function will be advertised in this section. Our work with bluebirds and other cavity nesters is helping to improve our environment. Every spring you experience the joy of opening a nestbox and finding blue eggs. By active participation in NYSBS functions and working with others you can experience this same RUSH.

*John Ruska, President
New York State Bluebird Society*

Bluebird News Gets New Layout Artist



NYSBS member and Cayuga County Coordinator Cherie Layton has agreed to be the new volunteer layout artist for the organization's newsletter, *Bluebird News*. Cherie has been an avid backyard bluebird enthusiast and landlord for the past eight years. She says she had never even seen

a bluebird before moving to Cayuga County's Finger Lakes region in 1992. "The first time I saw a bluebird, I fell in love," she says. Her interest in bluebirds led her to install nest boxes on her property, and she began to do research on the internet to learn everything she could about them. This interest eventually led her to start the informational website BluebirdNut.com, which was soon followed by the bluebird discussion forum BluebirdNutCafe.com. Cherie says, "I'm pleased to say that BluebirdNutCafe has grown into a very friendly, relaxed place for both new bluebirders and old pros to come and share their love of bluebirds and exchange information, stories and photos." In 2005 Cherie also designed a new type of starling-proof bluebird feeder, which has undergone several changes since its first appearance, and which is now commercially manufactured by Erva Tools. In 2006 she added a commercial site to her family of Bluebird websites. When not involved in working on these sites, Cherie is busy with TMB Studios, the web and graphic design business that she and her son share responsibility for, and with administering the office of her husband's piano tuning and restoration business. She is also a volunteer minister and Bible teacher, as is her husband Dave and her two grown children who share their Cayuga County home.

Using the resources available in her graphic design business, Cherie hopes to create a publication that will be both attractive and easy to read. Those who receive the newsletter by e-mail in pdf format will notice an emphasis on the use of color to create an eye-pleasing publication. She hopes this will also help the NYSBS to save on their printing and mailing budget by encouraging subscribers to receive the newsletter in digital format.



Bluebird News *Digital Edition* *In Full Color!*

Bluebird News is now available in full color! When you sign up to receive the newsletter in digital format by e-mail, you will be able to view it on your computer, or print it in full color from the pdf file. We encourage as many of our members as possible to switch to the digital edition, not only for your own enjoyment, but also to help reduce the amount the NYSBS spends each year on producing and mailing the printed edition.

This will allow us to put your membership dollars to better use.

You may receive the Bluebird News online by contacting the Membership Secretary by e-mail at memberships@nysbs.org or by calling Murial Prianti at 315-676-4850.

"In October, transient Bluebirds are abundant, and natives come back as if to say good-bye to their homes, and sometimes carry nesting material into their boxes, in that Indian summer of the procreative instincts that many birds evince on warm October days."

- A.C. Bent quoting Bagg and Eliot (1937), Life Histories of Familiar North American Birds, 1949

Newsletter Deadlines for Submission of Articles for Publication

Winter 2011:	January 1st
Spring 2011:	April 1st
Summer 2011:	July 1st
Fall 2011:	October 1st

Those of you who are planning to hold Spring Regional meetings should try to secure a place, date and name a contact person so at least that much information can be put in the Winter newsletter. The details of the meetings, when available, can then be placed on the NYSBS website, www.nysbs.org. The Spring issue of *Bluebird News* will arrive too late for notices about most of the Spring meetings.

Please help us make this a first class newsletter by submitting personal interest stories and informational articles along with photos and notices of upcoming events.

You may submit articles to John Ruska by email at ruskhill@yahoo.com or by mail: 3149 Whitaker Rd., Fredonia NY 14063 or to Judy Derry by email at ehderry@aol.com or by mail: 4813B Sturbridge Lane, Lockport NY 14094.

Volunteers Needed!

To staff the NYSBS booth for a half day at the New York Farm Show Syracuse NY, February 24, 25, or 26, 2011. Contact Murial Prianti at MRPRIANTI@AOL.COM or 315-676-4850.

ANNUAL MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS

At the annual Fall Meeting of the New York State Bluebird Society, held at the Rogers Environmental Education Center in Sherburne, on September 25, 2010, two awards were presented.

The first, the Herman Bressler Memorial Service Award, was presented to Raymond D. Briggs in recognition of his passionate leadership that led the Society. Ray was President of the New York State Bluebird Society from 1990 to 1996, he helped grow the Society from 245 members to 1150, and he initiated the U. S. Route 20 trail that runs from the Massachusetts /New York border to the New York/Pennsylvania border. He also initiated the Adopt-A-Box Program. He now coordinates production and mailing of the quarterly *Bluebird News* and organizes participation in the Empire Farm Days and the Capital District Garden and Flower Show. Ray also founded the Schoharie County Bluebird Society and has increased the bluebird population through education programs and nestbox trails. Congratulations, Ray.

The second award, the Fran Hanes Memorial Conservation Award, was presented to William Zitek. The Hanes Award was created to honor Fran Hanes, a founding member and the Society's first president. Fran dedicated her life to bluebirds and was an inspirational leader to all of us. In a final act of love, Fran bequeathed \$10,000 to the NYSBS. Like Fran, Bill has been an inspirational leader in bluebird conservation in the Long Island area. Bill has presented his bluebird PowerPoint program many times in Area 10. He has worked with children and adults building nest boxes and helping to set up bluebird trails. He is the Area Coordinator for Area 10 and the County Coordinator for Suffolk County. In addition to all of this, he maintains a bluebird trail on Shelter Island. Congratulations to a very deserving Bill Zitek.



Left: Rich Wells presenting Fran Hanes Memorial Conservation Award to Bill Zitek.



Right: David Smith presenting 2010 Herman Bressler Distinguished Service Award to Ray Briggs

"My Story"

Phyllis and I were taking the Kinderhook Garden Club on a drive on the Rt. 20 Trail in Rensselaer County. We planned to stop at five of our locations. At the first location we had a real different situation. The first box had four bluebird chicks, ready to fledge in a few days. The second box at this location had five bluebird eggs.

At our second location there were four bluebird nestlings about eight days old. At our third location, we had just missed the fledgling of the five young bluebirds.

At location four, the week before we had five white eggs. Today the club was treated to five nestlings only five days old. I could lift the nest out of the box while the club members took photos of the five. (Note: The five fledged twelve days later.)

At location five, this stop was heartbreaking. When I opened the box the garden club witnessed dead nestlings. We closed the box and left. Phyllis and I returned as soon as possible to find that we were mistaken; only two were dead. The nest was so bad we had to get rid of it. While Phyllis shaded the three live young and picked the parasites off their bodies, I crossed the highway to another location. Here was a Tree Swallow's nest with seven eggs. I took the nest and put the seven eggs on the floor of the box.* While returning to the bluebird box location and carrying the nest, I was scattering the feathers along the way. We placed the bluebird young in the stolen nest material.

Returning to the Tree Swallow box, I picked up dry grasses along the way. When I arrived back I could not understand why Phyllis was so far behind. I didn't know that Phyllis had stopped to pick up all the scattered feathers. We placed the eggs in the newly formed nest.

Phyllis and I were pleased because the three bluebirds and the seven Tree Swallows all fledged.

This is just a small part of monitoring the nest box trail.

*By Norm Frey,
Rensselaer Co. Coordinator*

Editor's Note: Norm & Phyllis Frey monitor a portion of the NYSBS Route 20 Trail in Eastern New York State. Norm is also the County Coordinator for Rensselaer County.

**It should be noted that using a still-active nest of another species to replace the bluebird nest is an infraction of the 1918 MBTA.*

New to the Flock

(By County)

Broome: Robert Grajewski – Life Member

Cayuga: Arlie Howell

Erie: Joanne Doherty, Terence Lunser

Monroe: Gale Gridley

Onondaga: Kathy Barany

Ontario: Barbara Bass

Seneca: Dennis Hayes, Lorraine Martin

St. Lawrence: David & Annie Clark

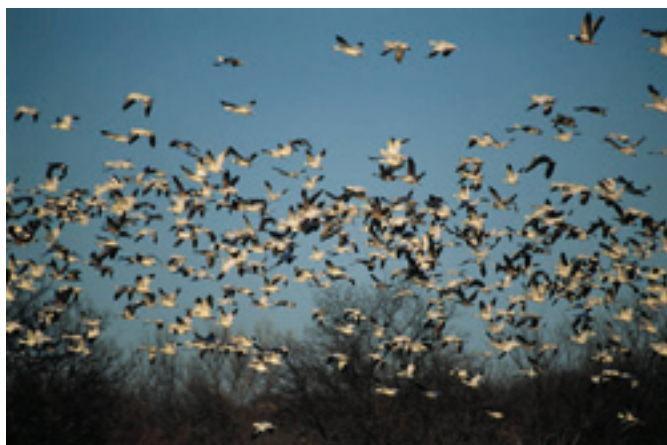
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John & Beverly Ruska

Patricia Simmons



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Take A Kid Along Program

The Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, (located in Genesee County in North Western New York), the Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Inc., and some volunteers initiated a Take A Kid Along (TAKA) program this year patterned after a program developed by Bluebirds Across Nebraska and was used with their permission. This pilot program involved taking youth out on the Refuge's bluebird trail and introducing them to bluebirds and other related nature happenings. A backpack was provided for each child to use while out on the trail and was filled with the following items:

- *Children's Bluebird Activity Book*
- *Birds of New York Field Guide*
- Spiral notebook to keep daily journal and trail notes
- Pen to record notes
- *New York State Wildlife: An Introduction to Familiar Species*
- Water bottle
- Small binoculars

Participants were able to keep these items after they had attended a minimum of five sessions with their leader. The leaders were Bob Schmidt and Carl Zenger.

Each participant was requested to write a short journal each time they went out on the trail. At the end of the five sessions they were required to submit an account of their TAKA project activities. This could be in the form of a story (written by the child or with the parent's help), photographs, or pictures the participant had created. These items were displayed at the Refuge Headquarters and may be included in future issues of the Friends Newsletter, the *Overlook*.

The participants in this year's program were Savannah Washington, Brekale Washington, Taey Washington, Tanner Elam, Josh Wells, Erin Hess and Adam Hess. These children are 6 to 13 years old,

Some of the activities that the participants did were: Monitor bluebird boxes and martin houses, band bluebirds, Tree Swallows and Purple Martins, observe a Bald Eagle nest, check a Kestrel box and check a nest of a Great Crested Flycatcher.

Things that the participants were taught were: How to use binoculars to spot birds and other wildlife, how to use guide books to identify birds, butterflies, frogs and other wild creatures, ways to identify the nests of birds that use bluebird boxes, how to age bluebird and Purple Martin nestlings from charts, why monitoring is important, and how to keep records of nest checks.

The participants also saw a fox den, ladybugs, snails, wild flowers, many kinds of song birds and waterfowl, butterflies and ways that the Refuge manages habitat for wildlife. All the children seemed to enjoy the experience and were excited and enthusiastic about going out and asked repeatedly if they were going to see baby birds, lower the martin houses, band birds, etc. It is planned to continue the program next year with improvements and changes that we learned from our experience this year that could make the program even more meaningful for the children.



Submitted by Carl Zenger



Therapy on the Bluebird Trail

What a windfall! What a gift! Had a phone call from the Schoharie County Court System stating that they had a man that needed 100 hours of community service and could the Bluebird Society use him in any capacity? I immediately answered, "Yes, indeed!"

This man was a former 4-year agricultural student of mine, middle-aged and lives 3 miles from me. He had already been trained. He had bluebird nest boxes on his own property and formerly had a 4-mile stretch on the Schoharie County Route 20 trail about 3 years ago. And even better, he has a pickup truck, is rugged of stature and has a good personality. What more could we ask?

Can his conduct be trusted on the trail? Yes, I know him personally and he will be under my supervision.

I'll immediately assign him to the Route 20 trail in Otsego County, where we lack a monitor this year. It's a twenty-mile trail that needs plenty of work. And because I'm doing him a favor, I'll "badger" him into taking the Otsego Trail permanently next year. And, on the Schoharie County Route 20 trail, we need to replace boxes, add boxes and do some painting. He can also repair and build nest boxes. Having been a student of mine for 4 years he's used to taking my orders. He'll get plenty of homework again.

*By Ray Briggs,
Past President of the NYSBS*

NYSBS Fall Bird Walk

Being a beautiful fall morning in central New York, those of us not duty bound to attend the unfinished board meeting, headed out on the trails of the Rogers Environmental Center, the site of the Fall Meeting of the NYSBS in Sherburne.

I was glad to see Jeanne Ayres from Delmar join us. Jeanne is a long time member of NYSBS and a good birder "from way back". She is also the person responsible for us joining the NYSBS, having never heard of it, until we met her birding along the Rio Grand in Texas in 1994.

Our first bird was a catbird, sitting on a low branch of a leafy shrub. We had been hearing the "mewing" sounds of catbirds, since our arrival in the parking lot.

Having not picked up a trail guide, I followed our small group, not really leading it. Over one of the large ponds, I first spotted a Green Heron flying the length of it and then Norm Frey saw a Great Blue Heron as well. We were hoping to see some fall migrating warblers or some kinglets; that didn't happen. This year hasn't been a good year for sighting the "neo-tropic migrants" as warblers are now called.

I am always thrilled to see a kingfisher perched high on a snag. When I called out its name to the others, he dove headlong into the water below.

As usual, I tend to lag behind other birders, hoping for a better look at something. When I caught up to the group, Jeanne was pointing out three Solitary Sandpipers in shallow water along a shoreline. They seemed oblivious to us, so all could watch their feeding frenzy. Seeing them at such close range, they seemed larger than the 7" length given in my book. I usually see the Spotted Sandpiper on the bird count days so this was quite a treat.

Before we headed back to the Visitor Center, I noticed movement among the high branches of a tree. This large bird with a yellow breast and darker wings seemed to mean a female Scarlet Tanager. Calling Jeanne back, we seemed to agree. All summer I watched a pair of these bright colored birds, but thought they had already left on their migration route to South America.

Back home, a few days later, I was lucky to see four or more Golden-crowned Kinglets flitting around in a lilac bush while I sat lazily in my favorite recliner chair. They put on quite a show for John and me. "Where were you," I asked, "three days ago."

Submitted by Beverly Ruska



Blue Heron Photo Courtesy Joseph Woody

NABS Conference Notes

Summary of our trip to the 32nd Annual North American Bluebird Society Conference held in Burlington, Ontario, September 9th to 12th, 2010.

We arrived at our hotel around 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, unpacked and went over to the Royal Botanical Gardens to register. We were told there was a good place to eat across the street. If you go to the RBG, make sure you put this stop on your schedule. There is a 50's diner across the street with about 40 varieties of foot long hot dogs and milk shakes made from real ice cream. Definitely fit this in your schedule; it was a great experience.

The programs commenced Thursday evening. We listened to a talk by Bill Reed about the history of the Eastern Bluebird in Ontario. He showed how it has flourished over the last 20 years or so associated with the increase in nest boxes installed throughout the area.

Friday we selected two field trips. The first was a guided tour of the RBG with Virginia Hildebrandt and the second was a boat tour of the Hamilton Harbor. Both events were enjoyable and there was plenty to see on both trips. After the trips we went to three talks. The first was a very interesting talk on Prothonotary Warblers by Don Wills. Next was a Members Forum and Wood Duck Presentation by Alfie Stanevicius and finally Chimney Swifts by Elisabeth van Stam. All the talks were very informative and entertaining.

Saturday was spent entirely at the RBG. There were five presentations. The first was Birds of Prey by Mark Nash with a live Peregrine Falcon and a Barn Owl as well as several other birds. Next on the list was maintaining Purple Martin populations around the Great Lakes by John Tautin. Then a break for lunch and on to Miraculous Migrants by Bridget Stuchbury where she explained the new technology (Geo-Locators) that is being used to track Wood Thrush and Purple Martins. She was followed by a talk on Wood Thrush by Lyle Friesen. Dinner was then served, followed by a presentation on the Trumpeter Swan by Beverly Kingdom, the keynote speaker. This talk highlighted how one person can make a difference.

All the talks were great and we really enjoyed the diversity of them.

As always, meeting old friends and making new friends was one of the things that we looked forward to and this conference fulfilled all of our expectations. NYSBS was well represented with sixteen members attending.

We look forward to the next NABS conference.

*Submitted by Dave and Mary Hofer
Dave is the NYSBS Area 1 Coordinator and Mary is an Erie Co. Bluebird Ambassador.*



NYSBS Attendees

Left: Left to Right - Phyllis & Carl Zenger, Jim Engelbrecht, Judy Derry, Niles Brown;

Below: Left to Right - Brian & Marci Swanson, Martha Moran, Jonathan & Lynne Ridgeway, Mary & Dave Hofer





Left: Bev & John Ruska

Below: Sue and John Rogers



VALUE OF MEALWORMS

Over the years there has been much discussion on Bluebird-L (an online discussion group which recently became a victim of budget cuts and changing technologies) regarding the value, or lack thereof, of mealworms for bluebirds. This discussion has continued on one of the successors to Bluebird-L, the Bluebird Monitors Group at <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/BluebirdMonitors/>. Keith Kridler, one of the authors of *The Bluebird Monitor's Guide*, has been outspoken against the regular use of mealworms due to the low calcium content.

It is recommended that mealworms (and waxworms) only be used for supplementation during cold, rainy times, or when a parent of chicks in a nestbox goes missing, or for the occasional treat. Both mealworms and waxworms have a low calcium content. Calcium is needed for proper wing development so that the chicks are able to fly when they leave the nestbox.

Tina Mitchell, a Volunteer with the Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Boulder CO, writes:

"I don't know anything about the moisture content of free-range insects, but Grubco posts the nutritional analysis of the insects it sells. Mealworms are about 62% moisture (while crickets are a lip-smacking thirst-quenching 69% moisture). The human-created formula we feed to nestling songbirds at the rehab center is 69% moisture, so you can see that crickets more closely match that human-balanced formula in moisture. (Parent songbirds have their own internal calculations for a balanced diet--or perhaps we can credit Mother Nature for offering a smorgasbord of choices.)

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Value of Mealworms (Con't)

“The difference between 62% and 69% doesn't seem like much. But if mealworms are a major part of the diet, the differences add up quickly, as Keith [Kridler] hints. We face this issue most clearly with swallows that are learning to fly and self-feed pre-release. All other species of fledglings can easily be moved to a balance of fruits, seed, meat, whatever--just by putting the different dishes of foods in the cage with them along with lots of water. They pick and choose whatever they need and it all works out. But swallows (I mostly know about Barn Swallows in rehab) are tricky. They don't generally feed themselves from dishes but rather have to transition from hand-feeding with tweezers or syringes to

eating “on the wing.” Once they fledge, we move them to a special aviary where they have lots of room to fly around. (And fly around they do!) To feed them, you hold a mealworm, dangling tantalizing from a pair of tweezers, high over your head; a swallow swoops by and grabs the mealworm. It takes some practice to 1) stop ducking when a swallow is zooming right at you (INCOMING!) and 2) know just when to release the mealworm. And if there's more than 1 or 2 swallows in the aviary, you need more people because one lone person with one pair of tweezers will soon be surrounded by swooping, swirling swallows. Vaguely reminiscent of Alfred Hitchcock, with a higher-pitched chatter and less poking out of eyes.

“But I digress. Because you need to use this feeding technique with tweezers, you need to have an insect that extends a ways beyond the tweezers, so the fly-by bird can grab on to it. Crickets just won't do. (When feeding a younger bird with tweezers, you can just stuff a cricket body to the back of its throat.) As a result, fledgling swallows get a lot more mealworms than would be ideal nutritionally. We dunk some of the mealworms in water before holding them in the air. That way, the birds get extra moisture. But we only do that with some of them; the others, we coat in calcium carbonate to balance the really high levels of phosphorous found in mealworms. Calcium and phosphorous must be available in the diet in about a 2:1 ratio in order for bones to develop properly. But mealworms have a calcium:phosphorous ratio of .04. If my arithmetic is right, that's 50 times more phosphorous than desired, compared to the calcium they offer. Variety is both the spice and the building blocks of life.

“Waxworms are even less nutritious than mealworms. They have about the same moisture content but almost twice as much fat and 25% less protein. (Plus, from the human perspective, they're much more expensive--at least out here.) The best I can say about them is that they have a bit more fiber and have a slightly better calcium:phosphorus ratio--but still require calcium supplementation, especially for young birds. I guess the other plus is that most birds absolutely love them. But if mealworms are the McDonald's of the bird worlds, waxworms would be--oh, maybe the DQ blizzards.”
(Used with permission of Tina Mitchell)

I have been a feeder of mealworms over the years and now I wonder how much harm I have done to the development of the bones of bluebirds. I would encourage others that use mealworms to only use them as a supplement or for capturing a terrific photo of bluebirds. And even then you would be best to roll them in calcium carbonate before setting them out for the bluebirds.

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