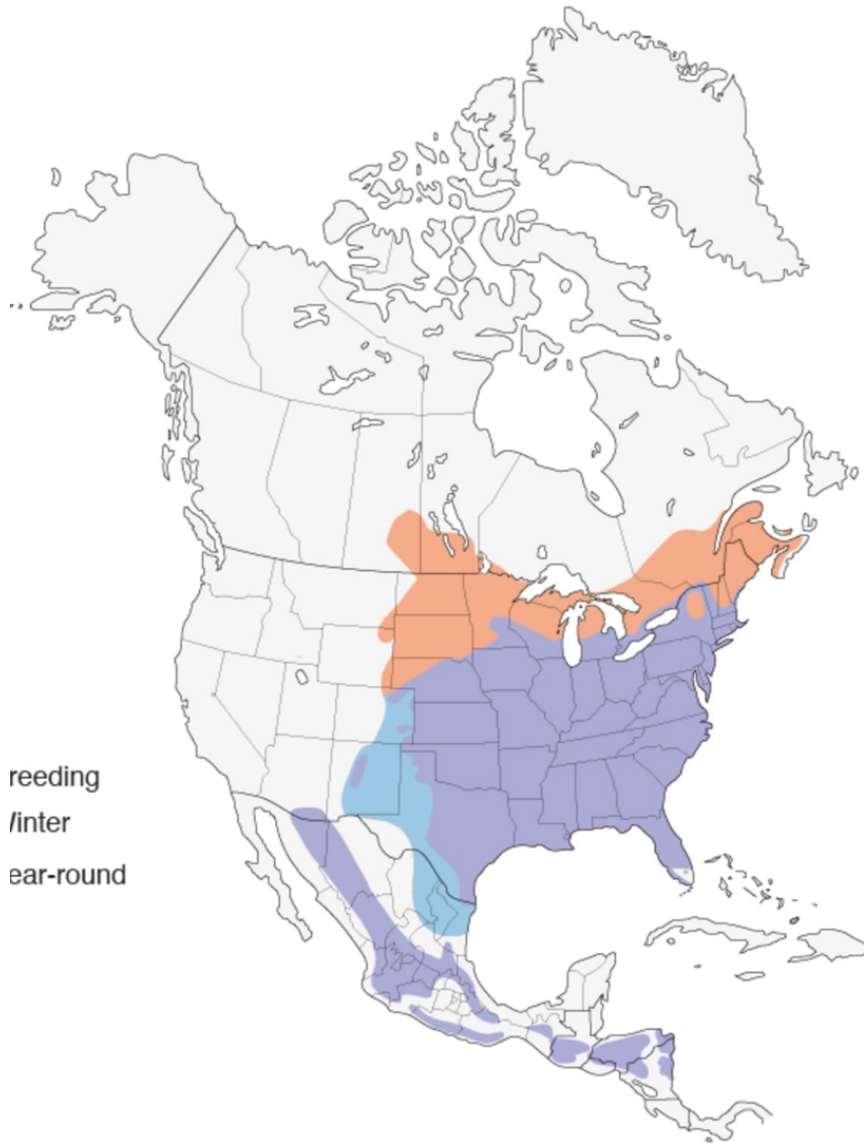


Eastern Bluebird Trails in 2021



Photo courtesy of Judy Jones



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What's Happening Nationally



From January 1920 to



The Eastern Bluebird population declined by an estimated 90%.

**Decline of EABL
was partially caused by
competition for nest cavities.**



House Sparrow

European Starling

Conservation Concern

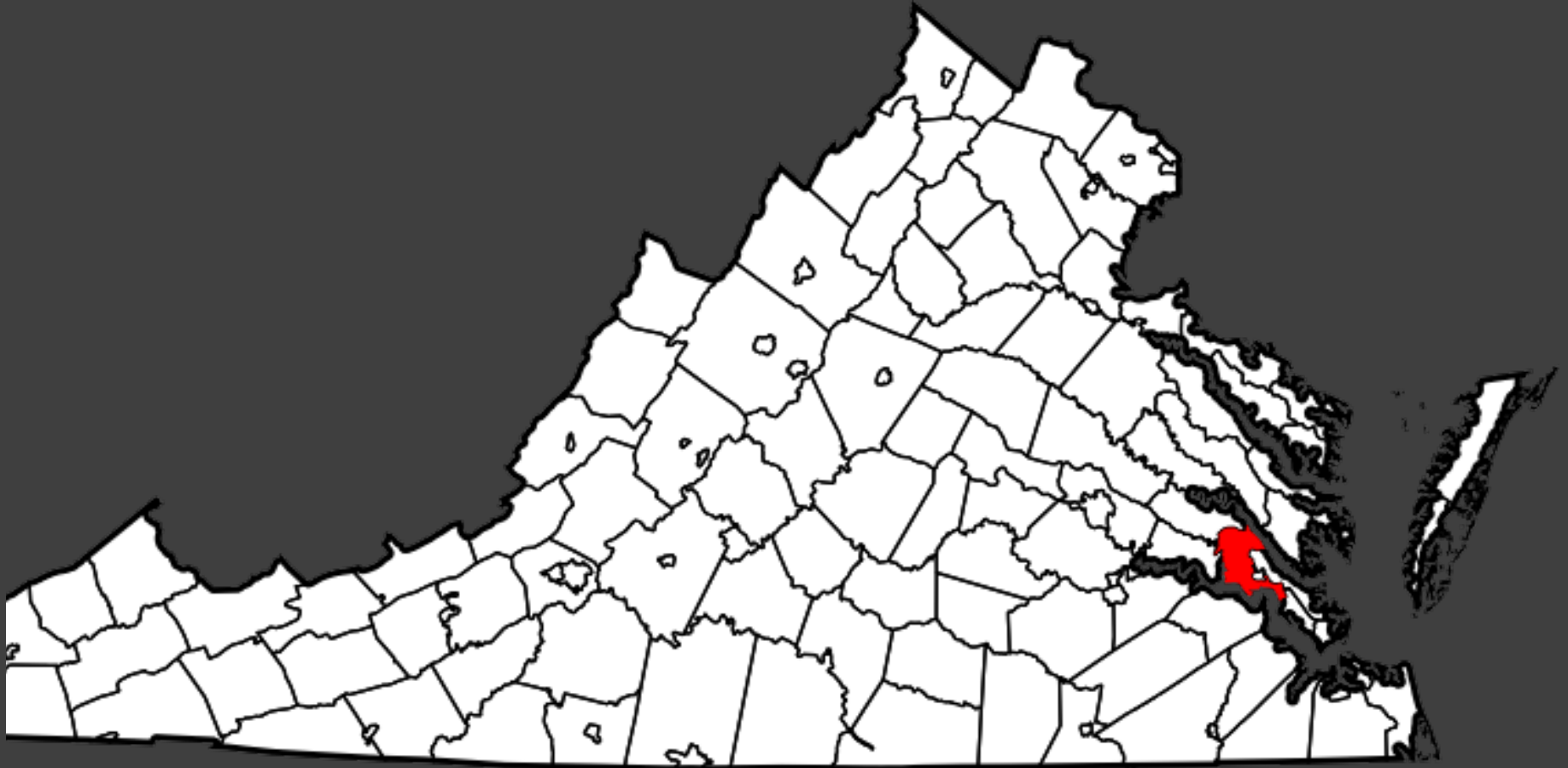


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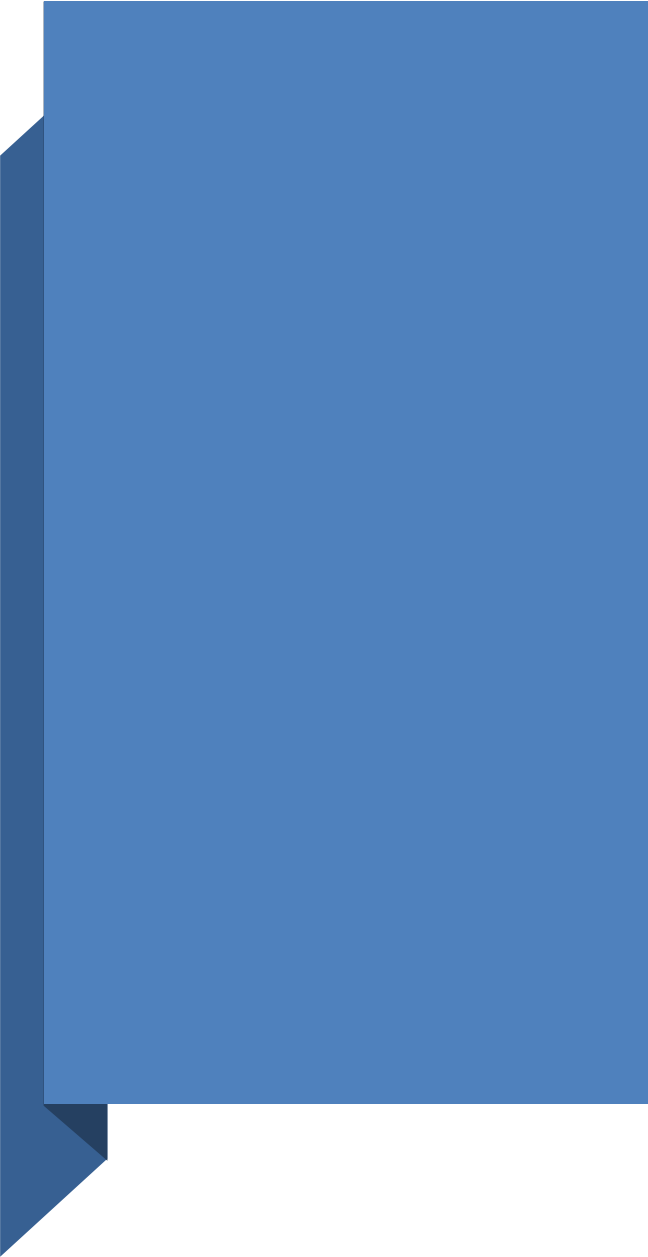


Currently, most organizations that monitor the status of bird populations rank EABL (e.g. Partners in Flight) as a species of “lowest concern”, that is to say that EABL numbers are stable and “healthy”.

Bernie Daniel, Ph.D.
Bluebird | Summer 2018



What Happened and
Continues to Happen Locally

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- Homer Jones leads the Bluebird Committee for the Williamsburg Bird Club
(Williamsburg Flyer, April 1978 newsletter)
 - 1980's the Williamsburg Bird Club establishes Bluebird Trails in our area.
 - 1984 Bluebird Committee chair, Leigh Jones teamed with Bob Morris to initiate a Bluebird box building campaign.
 - ***230 nest boxes along 19 area trails in 2 years!***
 - Leigh is nominated for the 1984 North American Bluebird Society's Roger Foy Newcomer's Award.



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1990s

- **Greg Millslagle lives in Queen's Lake. He starts setting up BB houses by himself in New Quarter Park.**
- **He begins working with Dan Cristol's students.**
- **The park doesn't open to the public until 2005.**
- **Shirley Devan and other WBC volunteers, monitored BB boxes in YRSP for about 5-8 years.**

2005 New Quarter Park



First “Walk & Talk” at New Quarter Park
Greg Millslagle (right with ponytail, green shirt)

Photos courtesy of Sara Lewis



2010 HRC Bluebird Team:

Shirley Devan, Lois Ullman, Nancy Norton, Jeanette Navia, Gary Hammer, and Evelyn Parker

Awards

2005 – New Quarter Park awards
Greg Millslagle as the first recipient of the
York County Volunteer of the Year award.

2012 – The HRC VMN Bluebird Team,
Sara Lewis, Jan Lockwood, & Lois Ullman,
receive the *York County Volunteer of the Year*
award.





Williamsburg Bird
Club continues to
support the
bluebird trail at
Waller Mill School.

Photo courtesy of Inge Curtis.

HRC supports 18 BB Trails

The newest trail is at Warhill High School with 5 boxes, begun in January of 2021.

The “Griffin Trail” (on the campus of W&M) is scheduled to be added this month to the list of those supported by HRC.

New boxes were installed by Judy Jones, Babs Giffin, Connie Reitz, and (not pictured) Mike Whitfield.

Photo by Mike Whitfield



We offer many thanks to all the members of Williamsburg Bird Club and Historic Rivers Chapter, past and present, for their help in fostering bluebird recovery.

