

Franks Brothers Nest Box Project

Update

2022 annual report for 2022 nesting season

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

This project includes 150 established nesting boxes ranging in areas at Pumice Springs, Cabin Lake, Fort Rock, and Summer Lake. These areas are challenged by sparse numbers of natural nesting opportunities and enhanced by nest boxes that we provide. Boxes we are using for replacement are built with the current advice regarding ventilation, shade, and floor dimensions. Going forward, the intention is to provide an accounting of numbers of successful nests, what species is likely present and any other information noted. The maintenance of the project includes cleaning, repairing, replacing and recording information. Currently besides myself, Bill Ledain is volunteering energy towards managing this project. Input from ECAS members for assistance, suggestions and any other pertinent information would be appreciated. The route totals probably about 500 miles, a little more if it is divided into more than one session.

ECAS MISSION and the effectiveness of the project:

The gathering and recording of information will be a measure to help determine how the Franks Project aligns with the intention of the organization.

PROJECT BUDGET

Bird nest boxes in the current market are worth about \$15-20 in materials, and assembly is done by volunteers such as myself and others in ECAS. A couple dozen nest boxes have been made with donated red cedar and donated time for building the boxes. I know there is material around the area that could be utilized such as steel T-posts and lumber in the form of salvaged decking/fencing that we will continue to pursue for donation. There are enough replacement boxes on hand for this year. By next year we hope to have better information for how the project is actually performing and what economic support is justified.

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