

detailed directions and illustrations for the construction and placement of suitable roosting and nesting boxes. Based on a typical bluebird nesting timetable, the author explains how to monitor the nesting sites, and how to protect the bluebirds from predatory mammals, snakes, birds, and other cavity-nesting competitors. He also discusses various insects that are troublesome for bluebirds during the nesting period, and offers a table of insecticides that can be employed in the destruction of these pests, but that are unlikely to be noxious to the birds. He also gives the history, objective, construction, and management of bluebird trails that have been successful in helping the bluebirds to survive.

Throughout the book Zeleny ascribes the human attributes of love, happiness, sorrow, and altruism to the bluebird. The dispassionate scientist may criticize this anthropomorphic connotation, but after reading the heartwarming and delightful accounts of the author's handraising a brood of orphaned bluebirds to adulthood and seeing them and their offspring return to nature, one can only admire and think of the true beauty of God's creatures. This is a truly enjoyable book that I recommend most enthusiastically.

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Erratum.—On p. 187, paragraph 5, line 1 of the March issue (Vol. 89, No. 1), the word “distant” should be “distinct.”