

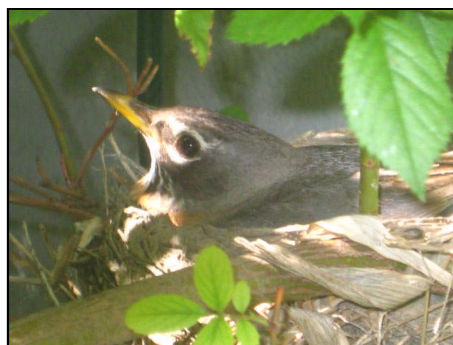
## FOR THE BIRDS—Spring 2009

This year is seeing a late start for our bird population at *Sanctuary on the Park*. In discussions with other groups that seems to be the case everywhere in the area. The wet cold Spring is blamed. We do have some activity, though, and here are some pictures we took on Clean Up Day, May 30th.



*Newly hatched Flicker chicks*

These new chicks are just north of The Hill's house on Carson Street.



*Mama Robin sitting*

This little lady has set up house-keeping in the bush in front of The Race's house on Maplewood



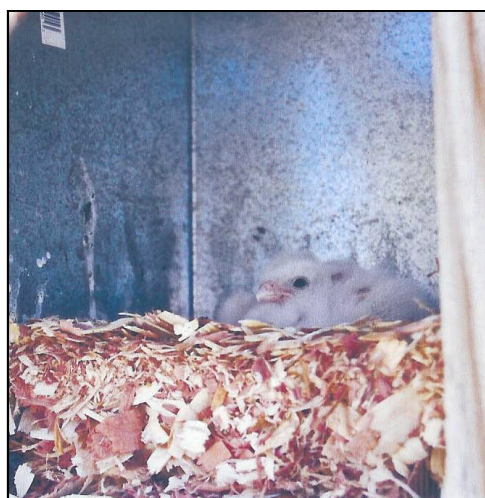
*House Wren eggs*

Janet Hanna has provided some extra boxes on the east side of her house. These wrens have moved in.



*Tree Swallow eggs*

This family (and/or descendents) are some of our best "renters". They come back every year to this box in the center Sanctuary area .



*Young American Kestrel Hawk*

This is a picture from last year. This box is just west of the Week's patio on South Carson. An interesting note; during the two years prior, the Flickers had all but destroyed the box by pounding on the sides and bottom leading up to mating season. We had to line it with galvanized tin to save the box. This chick had not even reached the fledgling stage when this picture was taken by Sam Searcy during our Spring inventory done last year at Spring Clean up Day.

**We will be updating as the season goes on. We welcome any comments or suggestions.**

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