

Better late than never

The wet cold spring meant a late start for most of our bird population as we discovered during our inventory at the yearly clean up day. We are seeing more activity now.

Sandy Hill reports that the Flicker chicks (pictured in our last report) have since “flown the coop” as it were. Now she has been watching a pair of kestrel hawks who seem to be moving in to take up where the Flickers left off. We’ll watch that and try to get some good pix for you.

Janet Hanna reports that the wren eggs we pictured in our last report have hatched and they are busy with the feeding schedule. We stopped by to take a look when she had concerns that the recent weed spraying was very close to the nesting box. All was well and we got a picture of the fledglings. It looks like all 6 eggs hatched. These little guys will be out and about very soon



As always, we would appreciate hearing from you on the activity you see. If you also get a chance to get a picture to send along that would be especially appreciated. We will, in turn, keep all informed. Although our main activity seems to be the bird population and activity, we also will be trying to report on the other wildlife that we have the benefit of being near here at Sanctuary on the Park

The frustrations of motherhood

For about two or three days we had a robin flitting about frantically on and around the rear deck. She has been flying from the Wengren’s roof to the nearby trees, on and about the hummingbird feeder then to the Robinson’s deck from where she takes up her watch once more.

Then, today, she appeared as frantic as ever with a freshly caught worm in her beak. The mystery was solved when her new “baby” also appeared on deck. He (she?) did not yet have the color, just the freckled look of a young robin. We expected the young to be eager to be fed but here was an independent youngster who had other ideas. Mama continued to chase and him (her?) and the youngster continued to allude her. I did get this picture as she chased . Not really sure how it ended. Maybe she gave up and had the lunch herself.



Reminder

We continue to see hummingbirds around the community so keep those feeders full. This seems to be the norm as we had them all summer last year too. The usual time for them was for 4 months a year only; April & May and then August & September

Use a 4 to 1 ratio water to sugar and remember to keep them clean. Enjoy these amazing birds.