

# Protecting Wisconsin's Cavity Nesters

## Two Real Threats to Our Cavity Nesters

### 1 Climate Change Impact

#### Rising Temperatures

Warmer temperatures affect the availability of insects—the primary food source for cavity nesters. Extreme heat events can also harm.

#### Altered Climate Migration Patterns

Climate change disrupts migration routes, affecting nesting and breeding cycles.

#### Shifts in Habitat

Changing weather patterns alter vegetation growth, impacting nesting sites and food availability.

### 2 Habitat Loss

#### Urbanization

As cities expand, natural nesting sites—such as old woodpecker holes—are lost to development.

#### Agricultural Practices

Intensive farming reduces suitable habitats for cavity nesters.

#### Invasive Species

European Starlings and House Sparrows compete for nesting sites and prey on bluebird eggs and chicks<sup>123</sup>.

## How You Can Help

- **Donate** to BRAW (Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin)
  - Your contribution supports nest box programs, habitat restoration, and education efforts.
- Join BRAW
  - Learn more about the [benefits of a BRAW membership](#)
- **Become a Nest Box Monitor**
  - Install and maintain nest boxes, providing safe havens for cavity nesters.
- **Create Bluebird-Friendly Spaces**
  - Plant native vegetation, avoid pesticide use, and provide water sources.
- **Spread Awareness**
  - Educate others about the importance of cavity nesters and their conservation