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Mr. Steve Gilbertson
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Dear Steve,

I want to thank you for calling me back and for providing me all of the information you passed on when we spoke a few days ago, Feel free to use our names in an endorsement for your nest boxes. Please do not include our address or phone number, as the number is unlisted. etc.:

We had not been successful in attracting Bluebirds to our wooden "Bluebird boxes", and in the few cases when we did see a Bluebird, House Sparrows either appropriated the wooden nest boxes or otherwise seemed to drive the Bluebirds away. Unfortunately, in one case, House Sparrows built a nest on top of five Tree Swallow nestlings and in another they killed a male Bluebird and built their nest in top of his body. Needless to say, we wanted to see and help Bluebirds, not House Sparrows!

The Gilbertson Nest Box was recommended to us by a local bird enthusiast who had heard that House Sparrows did not seem to like nor wanted to nest in these very well constructed and attractive round boxes. We found Steve Gilbertson's website, and ordered several boxes. Steve was very helpful, and we followed his very clear instructions on how to set his boxes up. They have exceeded our every expectation, and in the eight boxes we have set up this year, every one hosted at least one family of either Tree Swallows, which we also very much enjoy, or Bluebirds. In the past two summers our boxes have successfully fledged 38 Tree Swallows and 30 Bluebirds.

We are convinced that if you want Bluebirds to successfully nest and raise their young in your yard, then you should invest in and use a Gilbertson nest box. They are easy to install, maintain and clean, and we think they are far superior to any wood or any other so-called Bluebird box on the market.

Bill and Arlene
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I mean every word of the above, and thank you so much for all of the helpful information you have shared with me. Now, if only I can convince you that you need to harvest two does for every buck!

As I said on the phone, even though you are Yankees, you and your wife are more than welcome to visit us here in the lovely Shenandoah Valley, or as the Indians called it "Daughter of the Stars", anytime (except during tax season when you are snowed in, and we are snowed under). ☺

Best Wishes,


Bill