

VA
Fri, 8 May 2009

Dear Steve -

I ordered two PVC houses from you October of 2004, and starting in the spring of 2005 experienced an unbroken record of success with them. There have been at least two clutches every year, and sometimes three.

I put them both up pretty close together per directions of the local BB experts, who thought there would be a good chance of BB and tree swallows coexisting as neighbors in peace. There wasn't much peace until there were babies to feed, and then there wasn't time to fight. My house sits on a small lot (1/4 acre), but as you can see from the picture I've enclosed, there's a nice open green-space of several acres behind my house, and the BBs love it here.

Your traps are another great invention, and they have rid the premises of dozens and dozens of sparrows. You are THE MAN for bluebirds. I have one trap permanently mounted on "Hotel California", an old wooden box that the bluebirds never liked. And I have another trap which I maintain portable, for the PVC houses. The sparrows aren't attracted to the PVC houses very often, but sometimes they seem to want to compete when BBs start hanging around. A trap goes in, and soon after that the sparrow problem is gone.

I'm ordering 2 new PVC houses now. There's nothing wrong with the old ones, except I want to be able to rotate them in, so that when they're vacated I can take them down and disinfect them without having to leave the next prospects with nothing to look at.

Thx for what you do.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Norman