

## BLUE BIRD WALKS



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Since 1996, our garden club has supported a program to bring western blue birds back to Castle Pines. In that time, club member Mary Trotter has provided blue bird houses and placement information to over 100 members. The placement of these 100 boxes, in private yards, along the Country Club at Castle Pines Golf Course, and on Cherokee Ranch property, have helped to re-establish the western blue bird in Castle Pines. You may have noticed the blue bird houses along the walking trails near Country Club Drive and Daniels Park Road. These were erected as part of a Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology study being conducted by Village resident, Gina Gerken, to record blue bird activity in Castle Pines. A few years ago residents Jack Hummel, and Jim Horner, constructed the 54 new blue bird houses. Community residents check the houses once a week to count the number of eggs laid in each nest, babies hatched and survival rate of the fledging birds.