

Interested in bird conservation?

Volunteer at the Quail Hollow Ranch Nest Box Project!

We're looking for a few new volunteers for our Nest Box Project. Located at Quail Hollow Ranch County Park near Ben Lomond, this project provides much needed nesting habitat for a variety of small songbirds. Volunteers tour nest boxes around the ranch property, make observations about the nesting activities of the birds, and record the information, which we report to the Cornell Ornithology Lab for its national NestWatch database.



Started in 2002, the primary goal of the Quail Hollow Nest Box Project was to attract Western Bluebirds back to the San Lorenzo Valley. To date approximately 250 of these beautiful birds have successfully fledged from nests in our boxes! In addition, five other species regularly use the 24 boxes installed in various habitats around the nature preserve at Quail Hollow Ranch.

Monitoring nest boxes is fun and fascinating. Every year we discover something new about the nesting activities of our local birds. For more information, check out our website at www.ghnestbox.org. A detailed description of our monitoring practices can be found on the Volunteers' Reference page under the link Training Materials. If you are interested in joining us, training will be provided and an experienced volunteer will be available to mentor you until you are comfortable with the procedure. All you need is an interest in birds (no expertise necessary), an ability to walk on trails and open country for up to a mile, and the willingness to commit the time—approximately 1-2 hours every couple of weeks.



Contact us at nestboxvolunteer@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in the Nest Box Project at Quail Hollow Ranch.