

NEST BOX REPORT FOR RALEIGH PARK 2018

16 Nest Boxes were erected in March 2018

In 2018:

12 boxes were inhabited

4 boxes remained unused

Total successful fledging 67 birds (47 Blue Tits and 20 Great Tits)

Notes: - 4 boxes that were used had clutches of chicks which died before fledging. We know that there are Sparrow Hawks in the area and suspect that parent birds may have been predated.

We added an Owl nesting box in one of the Poplar trees but perhaps too late to attract Owls for this season. There was also a wagtail box added and although we know it has been used access was too difficult to provide results. (We will find a better site for next year.)

One or two nest boxes will be moved to better positions but hopefully not so many will be damaged by squirrels. We added protective plates to several boxes and replaced some nest box fronts after squirrel damage before the 2018 season started.

Once again thanks go to Stephen Miller who has monitored the boxes throughout the nesting season and is willing to do the same in 2019.

All boxes will be cleaned and repaired for the next season in November.

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