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CENTRAL INDIANA PURPLE MARTIN ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Central Indiana Purple Martin Association was held September 28, 2003 at the home of Joe and Anne Bryant.

In Attendance:

There were twelve members in attendance.

Meeting:

Although the day started out with rain and hail, it stopped long enough for us to walk around and see Joe's new Martin housing rigs with his new BoVilla houses and also a sparrow trap that he made from scratch.

With all the new Martin housing Joe has installed, he will surely have Martins nesting next year. They look wonderful. Joe has worked hard this year to make sure the Martins will want to nest there.

Joe also showed us his fantastic birdhouse gourd garden, which covered a huge area with many gourds.

Anne had prepared a wonderful chili dinner for us that sure hit the spot, as it was a chilly and rainy day. I believe that just about everyone had seconds. Lyn Stuby made delicious apple pies for dessert. Boy! Were they good.

We ate while looking out of Joe and Anne's big picture windows where we could see Joe's Martin rigs and his beautiful landscape.

Discussion

Dave Manley was not able to attend the meeting but he reported that he had at least 60 pairs of Martins to nest at his site. The nest averages two each for the young. He did have some babies that did not make it but he said he also had nests with more than two babies per nest. He also found three adults that died during the time they were there from unknown causes.

Joe & Louise Topolosek reported that they had five pairs of Martins that produced 18 babies.

Lyn Stuby reported that she did not have Martins this year but she did have one Sy male stay for six weeks and, at least, seventy visitors from August 1st through the 26th. Lyn is prepared for Martins next year.

Roger Lee reported his Mayflower site had about 28 pairs of Martins but he doesn't have a count of how many young were fledged. Roger has put in many hours on this site building new houses and repairing the old ones. He is constantly investigating ways to make the housing even better for the Martins. Roger also spends much time there doing nest changes and just making sure the Martins have what they need.

Roger also told us that he was able to meet the fellow this summer who originally started the Mayflower Martin colony. Roger took him up to see the site and he was very glad to see all that Roger has done there.

Thank you, Roger, for taking over this site and spending so much time there to help the Martins.

Lum and Meriam Bourne reported that they fledged 134 Martins this year. Good going guys!

Bob Whitney reported he did not have Martins this year.

Dottie Price reported she did not have Martins nesting this year but had many Martins to come over and eat twice a day. She is putting up a new pole and more gourds next year.

Dennis Pukhiser was not able to come to the meeting but he reported he had 25 pairs of Martins with 100 babies. Dennis has a huge and fantastic Martin colony.

Buz Smith was not able to attend the meeting but he reported he had approximately over 31 pairs of Martins. Great job!

Discussion also centered on the Louisiana Martin harassment that occurred while the Martins were roosting at a hospital there. Several of the CIPMA members were involved in the communications via the Forum on PMCA and with actual people involved.

It was decided to bring this issue up again via the PMCA Forum next year in order for action to be taken before harassment can begin.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held sometime in March 2004. Notification will be sent out in February.

Have a great fall and winter and wonderful holidays!

Joe Bryant	=	President
Treasurer	=	Roger Lee
Dottie Price	=	Secretary

Respectfully submitted: D. Price, October 10, 2003

