

## **Wood Duck Nesting Boxes in Shelburne County, By the Shelburne County Fish and Game Association**

This project was put together over the past two years (2007-'09) in conjunction with high school students of the three schools within the county (Barrington, Shelburne and Lockeport) constructing over 30 wood duck nesting boxes .

A special thank you to the Industrial Arts teachers in these schools who coordinated the project and got the materials together for the students, and to the NS Habitat Conservation Fund.

The boxes were constructed of cedar at a cost of over \$900. And put together with stainless steel screws in order to withstand the elements for many years. The students did a great job in relation to the construction however showed little to no interest in either installation or monitoring of them.

Members of the SCFGA assumed that task themselves by distributing the boxes in all areas of the county using truck and ATVs to do so. The estimated mileage logged by these members totals 1350km not including the Lockeport area. At \$0.42/km, this works out to \$542. We also purchased log books for each school at a cost of \$15. As well as the purchase of 3" leg bolts to secure the nests at a cost of \$30.

The total expended on this project to date is \$1567. We intend to monitor these boxes over the next five years with the expectation of positive nesting results.

Sincerely,  
R.C. Swain - Project coordinator  
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