

POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

If you find:

- **Problem** – ants inside the nest box
- **Culprit** – fire ants will climb pole/trees and can kill baby bluebirds and infest nest
- **Solution** – place tanglefoot around pole

- **Problem** – Nest box has nest material hanging out of entrance, nest disturbed, eggs or young missing
- **Culprit** – Raccoon or house cat has visited the box. Clean out the disturbed nest if all eggs and young are missing.
- **Solution** - Consider placing baffle on pole/tree

- **Problem** – Nest material not disturbed but eggs or young missing
- **Culprit** – Snake has probably eaten the eggs or young
- **Solution** – Install snake baffle, clean out old nest

- **Problem** – Complete clutch of eggs has been in nest for at least 3 weeks after last egg laid
- **Culprit** – Female has probably been killed or abandoned the nest
- **Solution** – Remove the nest and eggs

- **Problem** – Dead nestlings, no sign of trauma or nest disturbance
- **Culprit** – Female has probably died
- **Solution** – Remove dead nestlings and clean out nest