
New York State Purple Martin Project

Dear Purple Martin Landlords,

Welcome to the *New York State Purple Martin Project*! NYSPMP is a collaborative effort of partners educating citizens in the conservation of Purple Martins, with the goal of increasing Martin populations throughout New York State.



The purpose of our Project is to work with the *Purple Martin Conservation Association* to educate the public about the decline of Purple Martins in New York State and advise the public on what can be done to reverse this trend.

We are attempting to locate successful Purple Martin Landlords and their colony sites in NYS. We are willing to assist anyone who is interested in learning more about the latest research-based practices in Purple Martin management. The use of these practices may be a good way to improve colony success rates. We will assist anyone who would like to start a new colony in selecting the best state of the art equipment to set up their colony.

The NYSPMP has been partnering with other state-wide organizations that have similar objectives to help spread the word of the Martins decline. On our partners page you can find helpful information about the organization, as well as links to other sites with Purple Martin information.

We hope that you will complete our participation data sheet and choose to have your colony location and data displayed on our interactive map.

For public sites, we will display specific coordinates for those locations. For private locations, we will only display townships, unless you indicate otherwise. Your colony will be shown with a marker on our static map and your colony information from the table provided will be shown.

Please complete the data sheet and e-mail it to the indicated e-mail address. Your answers to our questions will give us an idea of what practices landlords in New York are using. We can also include a digital photograph or short video of your site, if you include that with your correspondence.

Alert: If you see any color-banded Purple Martins, please report these to us at nyspurplemartins@gmail.com with as much detail on the location, sex of the bird, condition of the bird and the band number if you were able to observe this with binoculars or spotting scope. Of course, any federal bands and color marked birds should also be reported to <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl/>

Thank you for your participation! We cannot wait to see many markers on our maps!

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Use this datasheet to submit a site to the NYS Purple Martin Project.

***** Required info.

*****Name:

Address:

City: State: NY Zip Code:

*****Township: *****County:

Phone: Fax:

*****Email:

Website URL:

Is your colony on PRIVATE land or PUBLIC site?

- Private - only township and county location information will identify your colony on our website.
- Public - provide GPS coordinates so we can add the site to our interactive public map.

Yearly Colony Data (submit new info each year)

- Type: Type from the drop down menu. Explain other in additional comments section.
- List the total number of Martin compartments provided that are small (6"x6"x6") or large (6"x6"x7-12"). Super or Natureline Gourds are large; most others are small.
- # Active Nests, having at least one hatched chick in it
- # Eggs: the total number of eggs that were laid in the colony.
- # Hatched: The total number of young verified to have hatched.
- # Banded: Total # of adults and nestlings that were banded at this colony.
- # Fledged: The total number of Nestlings that successfully left the nest after 26 days.

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Type	Compartments		# Active	# Eggs	# Hatched	# Banded	# Fledged
	# Large	# Small	Nests				

Do you monitor your housing (i.e., conduct nest checks) YES NO

If YES, how often?

Do you maintain written records?..... YES NO

Do you report your data:
 To the Purple Martin Conservation Association? YES NO

To the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's NestWatch? YES NO

To the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's eBird?..... YES NO

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What type of entry holes are used? round oval crescent excluder other
 Which, if any, are provided? Eggshells mealworms crickets scrambled eggs
 Are units cleaned out yearly?..... YES NO
 Are units closed for the winter?..... YES NO
 Do you place nesting/bedding material in the nest compartments each spring?..... YES NO
 Are predator pole guards used? YES NO
 Are European Starlings and/or House Sparrows removed or eliminated at the site? YES NO
 Are recordings of Dawn song or Daytime Chatter used?..... YES NO
 Are Martin decoys used at the colony site? YES NO
 Are you within 1.5 miles of a body of water?..... YES NO
 How close is the nearest tree that is taller than the Martin housing?

What were your major problems this year?

Would you like help solving your problem(s)? YES NO
 Are **you** interested in membership activity or leadership activity to help promote
 and increase Martin populations with us? YES NO

Brief history of your colony. (Ex. Year housing erected, year first Martins investigated, year first nesting pair was successful, etc.) Please only use the visible space below.

***PLEASE Print this document and send a copy to Celeste Morien at
12534 Hemlock Ridge Rd.; Medina, NY 14103***

*All NYS Purple Martin Landlords may e-mail **photos or short video clips** of their colony directly to
our webmaster, robertjhazen@roadrunner.com
They will be considered for inclusion on the colony's site profile and history page.*

Thank you for your interest and support!