

## **Jim Waldron**

Jim Waldron has many years of experience helping birds of prey through rehabilitation, hacking projects and building and erecting nesting boxes. He also works closely with wildlife organizations and community groups by building nesting boxes for songbirds.

Jim helps care for the injured birds of prey at the Mid-South Raptor Rehabilitation Center. In addition he puts his love for and knowledge of native plants to both beautify and attract songbirds to the Center's campus. Jim volunteered for eight years at Shelby Farms where he tended the gardens at the Visitor Center and specimen wildlife patches throughout the park. Jim was involved in two major hacking projects in west Tennessee: the Eagle Hacking Project at Reelfoot Lake and the peregrine falcon project in downtown Memphis.

Probably one of Jim's greatest contributions is the construction and installation of nesting boxes for raptor cavity nesters, such as the barn owl, screech owl, and the American kestrel. Several families of barn owls are indebted to Jim's handiwork. Jim has placed nesting boxes at many of the state and national wildlife refuges in west Tennessee. In addition to raptor boxes Jim has built over four hundred bluebird houses with some being modified for other cavity nesters, such as chickadees, titmice, Carolina wrens and prothonotary warblers. He directed the construction of the Ben Coffey observation blind at BSA Camp Currier in north Mississippi and the chimney swift tower located at Lichterman Nature Center. Jim is always eager to educate others about birds, bird life and wildlife habitat.