

Blue-throated Macaw Nest Box Program – 2026



Family time at Laney Rickman Reserve, chicks and parents perching together. *Teodoro Camacho*

The 2026 season broke every record in the program's 20-year history: 61 eggs, 28 chicks hatched, 19 nest boxes occupied, and 20 fledglings, the most in any season since we started in 2005. It was also the longest breeding season on record, running 254 days from December through August 11, nearly seven weeks longer than our previous record. The total number of fledglings since the program began now stands at 184, meaning one in four wild Blue-throated Macaws alive today hatched in an Armonía nest box.

It was also our most contested year. Nearly half of the active nests experienced intense territorial fights, and camera traps captured pairs defending their nest boxes with remarkable ferocity, including one pair that fought six times in a matter of weeks. Yet most held their ground: in six nest boxes, every chick that hatched went on to fledge, a surprising outcome for such a turbulent season. Watch the season video [here](#).

With 128 nest boxes sponsored this season, we're setting our sights higher for 2027: 23 new boxes in a new area will bring the program to 151 nest boxes, putting us on track to reach 200 fledglings next season. Join the "Friends of Laney Rickman Reserve" to help us get there.

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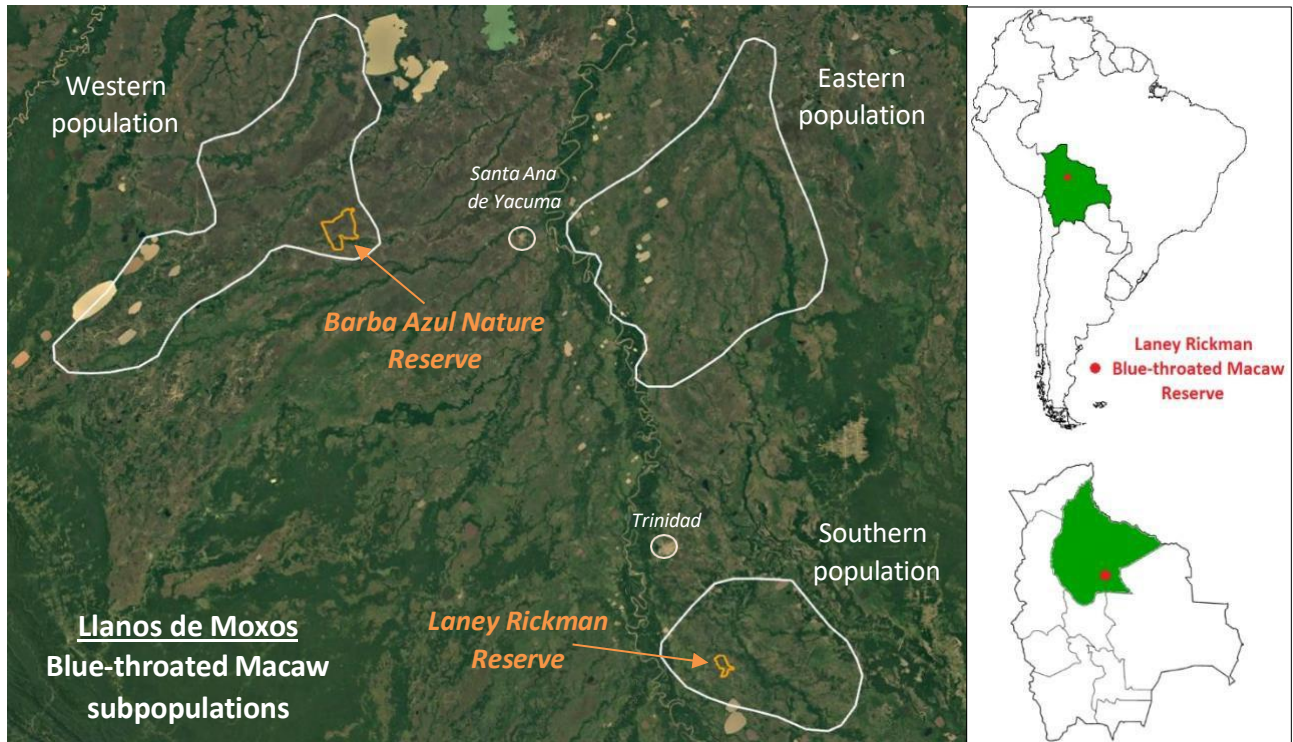
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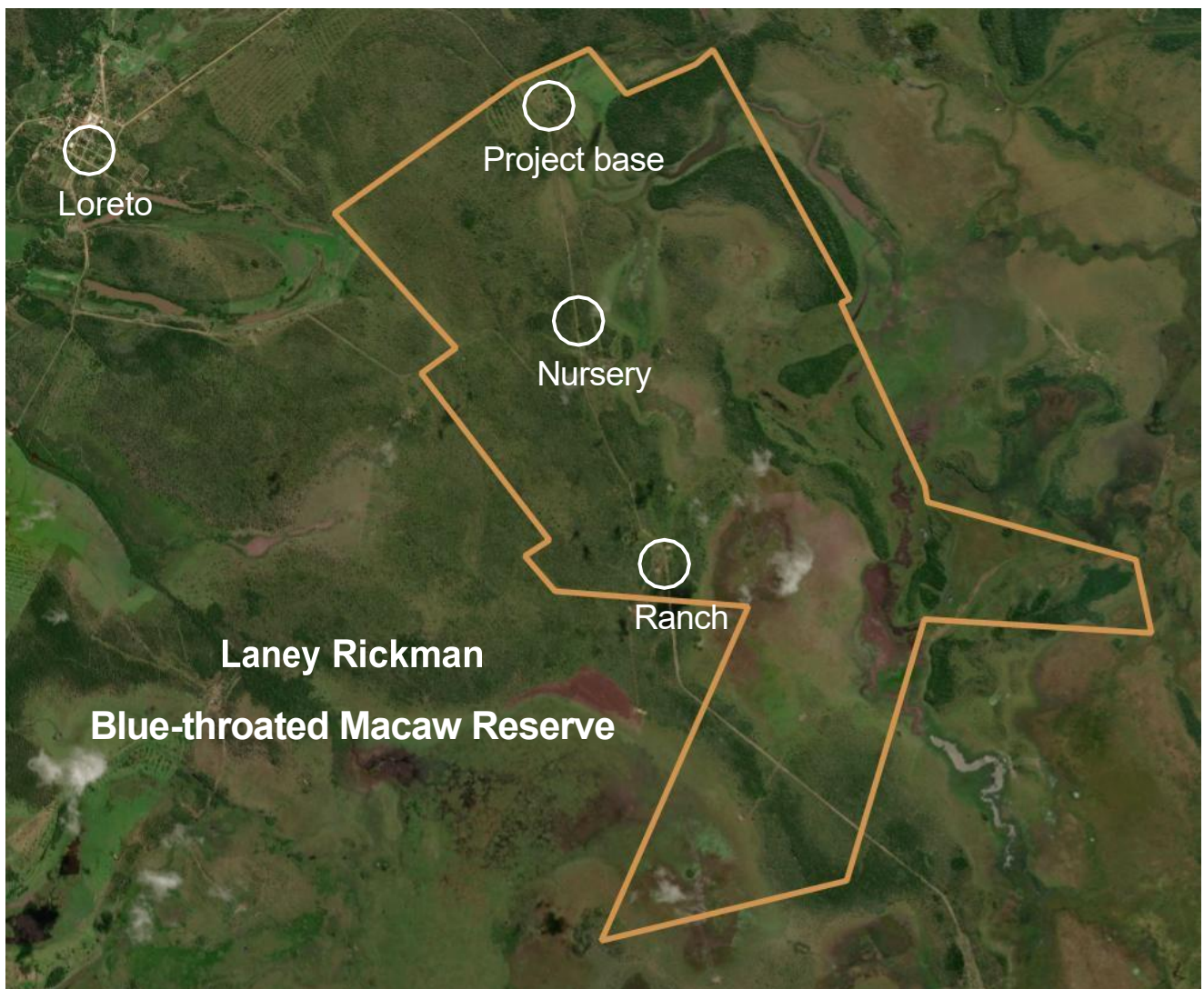
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Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve



Figures 1 & 2. Asociación Armonía protects 14,621 ha (36,130 acres) in the Beni savannas. The Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve (2,421 ha/5,982 acres) is located in the Southern Llanos de Moxos ecoregion, 60 kilometers south of Trinidad and 213 kilometers south of the Barba Azul Nature Reserve (12,200 ha/30,148 acres, established in 2008). Armonía protects vital Blue-throated Macaw habitat in two isolated subpopulations. (Estimated Blue-throated Macaw subpopulation range indicated in white.)



Laney Rickman Reserve Program Goals

To ensure the continued development and improvement of the Blue-throated Macaw Nest Box Program and the Laney Rickman Reserve for the upcoming 2027 season, we will focus our efforts on the following activities:

- 1. Strengthen the Nest Box Program.**
 - Continue weekly monitoring of nest boxes and chick development throughout the breeding season
 - Deploy camera traps to document nest box use and nesting behavior
 - Help other organizations start different nest box programs based on our success.
- 2. Reduce wildfire risks.**
 - Maintain and expand impenetrable firebreaks.
 - Acquire a fire management tractor and train personnel to use it.
 - Ensure rapid response to fire threats around the reserve.
- 3. Restore native habitat for the Blue-throated Macaw.**
 - Double the capacity of Laney Rickman Forest Nursery.
 - Produce 8000 native trees and palms preferred by Blue-throated Macaws
 - Monitor and study habitat restoration plots.
- 4. Expand conservation education**
 - Continue improvements in the Laney Rickman Education Center
 - Work with local authorities to incorporate Blue-throated Macaw conservation into their curricula.
 - Start engaging with university students, master's students, and volunteers.
- 5. Expand conservation impact**
 - Continue the facial recognition project to identify chicks and adults over time.
 - Publish the 2025 global Blue-throated Macaw population census to assess conservation progress.
 - Lead the Action Plan for the species following national legal frameworks and international experts' guidance.
- 6. Sustainable ranching**
 - Sustainably manage tallgrass palm savanna through eco-friendly ranching.



Results of the 2026 Breeding Season

With 20 Blue-throated Macaw chicks successfully fledged in 2026, we achieved our fourth consecutive record-breaking year and, for the first time, surpassed our long-standing goal of 20 fledglings in a single season. Thanks to the continued support of our Nido Adoptivo program, in partnership with Bird Endowment*, we once again installed and monitored 128 nest boxes across the reserve. Of these, 19 were occupied, including 4 for the first time.

Record-breaking productivity in 2026:

- 61 eggs laid across 22 breeding attempts; three nest boxes saw a second nesting attempt, the most ever.
- 28 chicks hatched (46% hatch rate). Again, the most ever.
- 20 chicks fledged, surpassing last season's record of 19. First time breaking the teens barrier.

Conservation impact: Since 2005, 184 chicks have fledged from Armonía's nest boxes. Following the 2025 global census, an estimated one in four Blue-throated Macaws alive in the wild today originated from these efforts.

New insights: This was also the longest breeding season we've recorded, spanning 254 days from the first egg on December 1 to the last chick fledging on August 11. One pair nested unusually late, extending the season well past its typical close.

After two quieter seasons, competition for nest boxes returned in force. Nearly half of active nests faced intense conflicts, both between rival Blue-throated Macaw pairs and with other species, particularly Red and Green Macaws.

Monitoring also captured natural risks to chicks: one taken by a Brown Capuchin Monkey, another, days from fledging, by a boa that reached the nest box.

Here's something you might not know: some Blue-throated Macaws have discovered that filtered water tastes better. They come to refresh themselves with rainwater filtered through a dead palm, drinking from a hole in its side. Not all macaws do this, and not all families know about this exclusive drinking fountain.

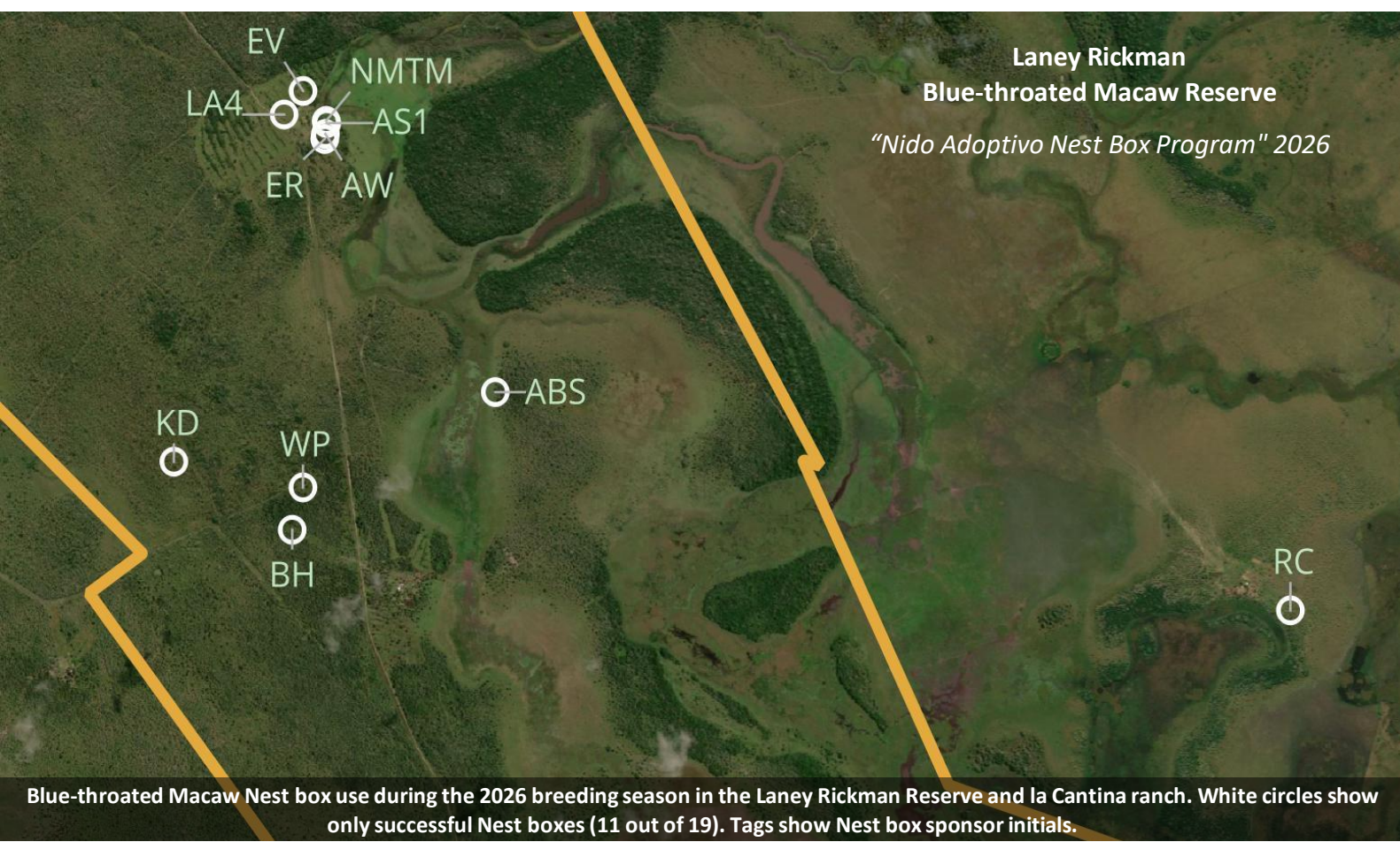
***To Sponsor a Nido Adoptivo Nest Box, please visit: www.BirdEndowment.org**

Devoted parents guarding their chosen nest box, pose for the camera. *Jhulian Machuca*



Table 1. Summary of nest boxes used by the Blue-throated Macaw during the 2026 breeding season. A total of 19 nest boxes were occupied, 61 eggs were laid, 28 chicks hatched, and 20 chicks fledged. For more detailed information, see Annexes 1 and 2.

Nido Adoptivo Sponsor	Code	Eggs	Chicks	Fledglings
Elizabeth Voxman	EV	3	2	2
Avian Suites, in memory of "Dallas the Brave"	AS1	3	3	3
Evelyn Reis	ER	4	3	3
Suzan Payne, in memory of Allan Wilkie	AW	3	3	2
Ray Varella	RV1	3	1	0
Alicia McLaughlin, in honor of "Tango"	AM	2	1	0
Royal Avian Specialties / Michelle Carollo	RA	1	0	0
Kim Dickerson, in honor of "Dabi"	KD	3	3	2
Lisa and Gamini Ratnavira, in memory of Natalie	HF	3	0	0
Brenton Head	BH	4	3	2
Kitty Harvill and Christoph Hrdina	CH	3	0	0
Lena and William Proebsting	WP	3	2	2
Eric Hathon, in memory of Susanne Hathon	SH	1	0	0
Laurel Rohrer	LR	5	0	0
ABC Birds / Jamie Whittaker	ABC	4	0	0
Arizona Bird Store / Debbie Schweikardt	ABS	5	1	1
Los Angeles Zoo	LA4	6	3	1
Rosalie Cole	RC	2	1	1
Nancy and Todd Marbach, in memory of Laney Rickman	NMTM	3	2	1
Total		61	28	20



New Challenges – Old and New Territorial Pressures

This was our most contested season yet, as nearly half of all active nests were involved in territorial fights, and for the first time in the program's twenty-year history, we faced a challenge from invading parasites in nest boxes. Two very different pressures, both worth watching closely as the program continues to grow.

- **Territorial or nest competition?** Blue-throated Macaw pairs, Blue-and-yellow Macaws, and Red-and-green Macaws were observed fighting. Since 2021, we've noticed that in most cases, winning couples do not lay eggs, leading us to believe these birds are likely defending their territory rather than competing for a breeding site.
- **Record-length season.** The season ran a full 254 days, closing August 11. One pair nested unusually late, in early April, and our team kept close watch, concerned it could be a failed breeding attempt driven by food scarcity or difficult dry-season conditions.
- **An unfortunate first for the program.** Late-season activity brought us the first recorded parasite infestation inside a nest box, likely tied to the dry season, when ticks, mites, and bedbugs are known to affect wildlife, livestock, and people alike. This season, a couple of chicks were affected, which we hadn't documented before.

The reason for the renewed territorial pressure remains unclear, and it raises a broader question we're only beginning to answer: are pairs, or their offspring, returning to the same sites year after year? Leg bands can only confirm this when someone happens to photograph one up close. Facial recognition has the potential to change that, allowing us to identify individual macaws from a distance and begin building real histories for specific pairs over years.

Nevertheless, occupancy by other species in nest boxes remains low. Blue-and-yellow Macaws, once the primary competitor for nesting sites, occupied zero nest boxes this season, while Blue-throated Macaw occupancy just hit its highest point on record (Fig. 1).

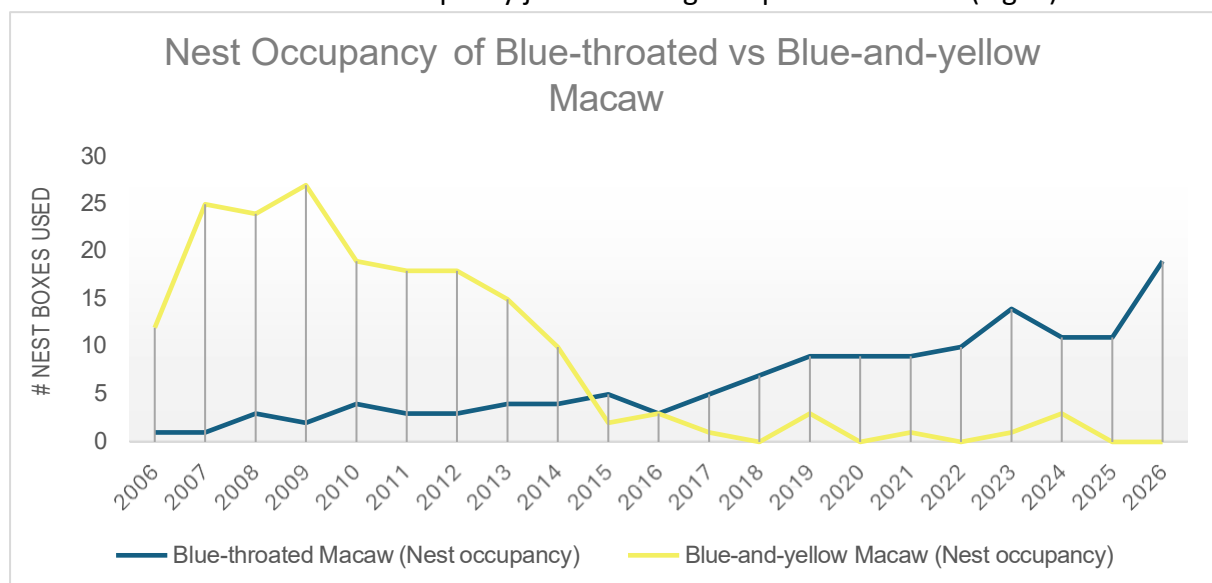


Figure 1. Nest box occupancy rate of Blue-throated Macaw vs Blue-and-yellow Macaw presented over the 20 years of Armonía's Nest box program. Changes in entrance size between 2013 and 2015 favorably impacted the competition between these large macaws.

Twenty years, three records and one Anniversary

For the first time in 20 years, the program crossed from the teens into **20 fledglings** in a single season, our fourth consecutive record year. This milestone lands in Armonía's 30th anniversary year, and 2026 also marks exactly **20 years since Bennett Hennessey met Laney Rickman, Founder of Bird Endowment**, at a conference in Tenerife, Spain, the meeting that started this program's most important partnership. The last chick of the season flew on August 11, one day before Armonía's anniversary.

Since 2005, the program has grown from a single active nest to 19 occupied nest boxes this season, its highest ever, and has fledged 184 macaws in total. Nest box occupancy and fledgling numbers both reached record highs this year (Fig. 2).

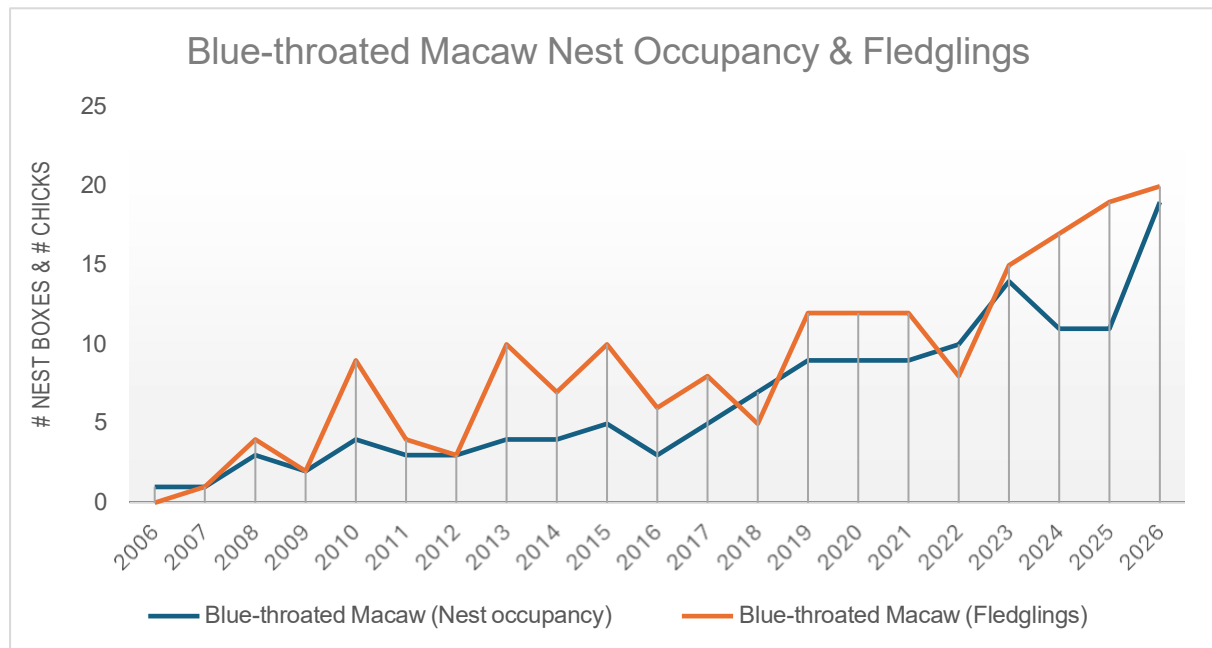


Figure 2. Blue-throated Macaw nest occupancy vs. number of fledglings presented over the 20 years of Armonía's Nest box program. The cumulative number of successful Blue-throated Macaw fledglings from Armonía's Nest box Program reached 184 during the 2026 breeding season.



Camera Trap Insights

Camera traps allow us to see what happens inside and around a nest box, including behavior, threats, and conflict we'd otherwise only be able to observe if we had an army of park rangers (see 2026 nest box [video](#)).

Of the 19 active nest boxes, 11 show conflict on film; two of these were abandoned. In both cases, we watched them being repeatedly harassed by Red-and-green Macaws or rival Blue-throated Macaw pairs. Since most pairs hold their ground, we can confirm how tough these birds are.

The two chicks we lost to predators tell a different story. Cameras captured a Brown Capuchin Monkey pulling a chick from its nest box and killing it, the first predation of its kind we've recorded. A second chick was lost to a boa just days from fledging. Cutting nearby branches, installing protective metal rings, and monitoring more closely will be part of next season's improvements to prevent further losses.

Striking footage came from a nest that had already seen a fight between two pairs, only to have six more birds arrive afterward, eight Blue-throated Macaws gathered at a single nest box at once. We still don't know why.

Beyond Red-and-green Macaws, cameras also caught Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, White-eyed Parakeets, Chestnut-fronted Macaws, and a Black Vulture investigating occupied nest boxes this season, evidence of just how contested every cavity in this reserve has become.

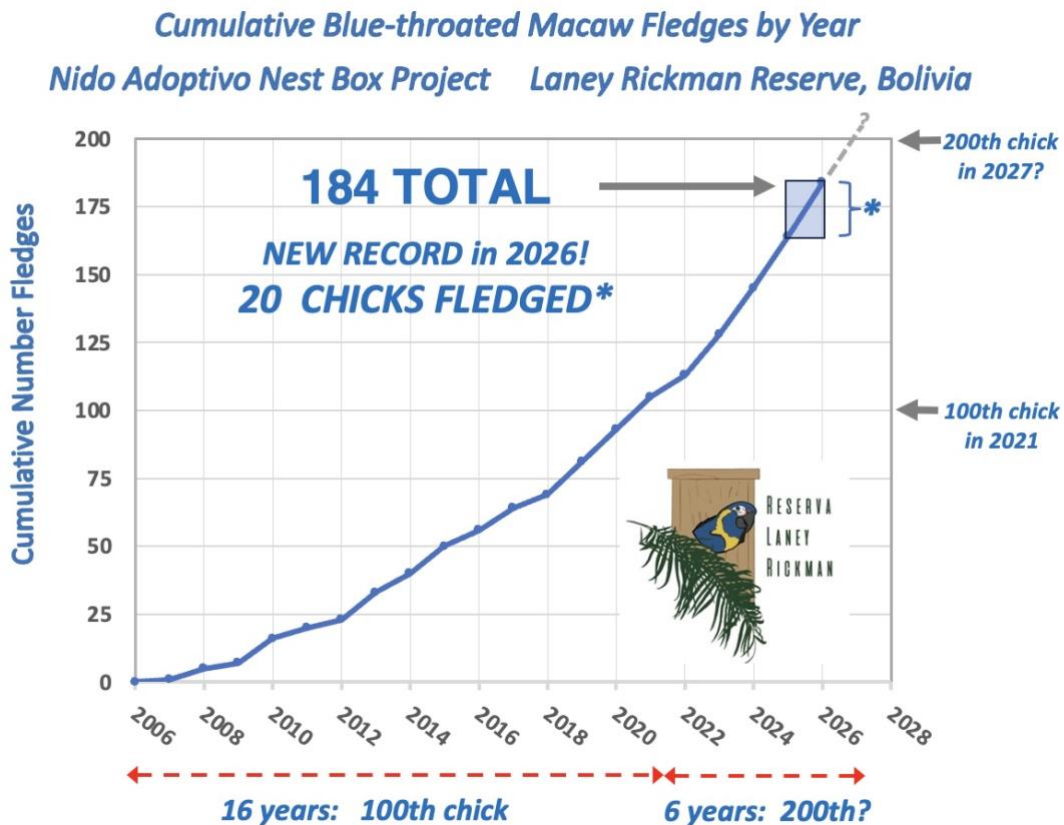
More cameras mean more footage every season. **A growing archive** we can study for behavior, not just review for results, one that becomes more valuable to look back on with each year we add to it.



Heading Towards 200 Successfully Fledged Chicks

It took Armonía's Blue-throated Macaw Nest box program 16 years to successfully fledge its first 100 chicks. Since then, we've observed steady annual growth in the number of fledglings—and the results are remarkable. Banded Blue-throated Macaws are now returning to breed in Nest boxes themselves, completing a full conservation circle.

Our annual fledging records clearly point to a hopeful future. At the current rate of success, we expect to reach 200 successfully fledged chicks by 2027—meaning the second 100 will have taken just six years instead of sixteen years. This dramatic acceleration demonstrates the long-term impact of a simple yet effective conservation strategy.



Help us build on this success. Sponsor a Nest Box to support the expansion of the Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve.

HELP SAVE BLUE-THROATED MACAWS FROM EXTINCTION

Become a “Friend of the Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve”

A dedicated group of supporters, making a lasting impact on species survival

In 2018, **Asociación Armonía** acquired and now permanently protects the most vital breeding grounds for the critically endangered Blue-throated Macaw, named the **Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve**, in tribute to Laney’s tireless dedication to saving this iconic species. The reserve now stands as a **cornerstone of global conservation efforts**, protecting the Blue-throated Macaw, as well as other threatened species native to Bolivia’s Beni Savanna.

The reserve encompasses **5,982 acres** (2,421 hectares) of tropical forest island and savanna habitats. Centuries of human activity, including cattle ranching, have cleared most of the large trees essential for nesting. In response, Armonía launched a supplemental **nest box program** in 2005. As of 2026, the project has successfully fledged **184 Blue-throated Macaw chicks** into the wild, one-quarter of the current estimated wild population (2025 census).

Although the land is now protected, the work is far from over.

Ensuring the reserve will thrive requires ongoing support from people who value nature and wild places—**people like you.**

Join us in this important effort with a minimum yearly gift of \$2,000.

As a Friend of the Laney Rickman Reserve, your support will help fund:

- Expansion and maintenance of the nest box program
- Fire prevention via firebreaks and patrols
- Rewilding and habitat restoration projects
- On-site park guards and continuous year-round surveillance in the field

As a member of this group of dedicated conservation allies, you’ll receive:

- Two detailed reports per year, including financial and management updates
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Annex 1: Summary of Nest boxes occupancy

Table 2. 2025-2026 Breeding Season Summary for Blue-throated Macaws

- **Nest Code:** Unique permanent identifier for each nest box (consistent across seasons)
- **Sponsor Code:** Initials of the individual/organization funding each nest box for this breeding season
- **Historic BTM Use:** Total previous breeding seasons when Blue-throated Macaws occupied the nest

#	Sponsor	Sponsor name	# (egg, chicks, fledged)	Dates (first egg, chick and fledging)
1	EV	Elizabeth Voxman	Eggs: 3 Chicks: 2 Fledged: 2	Eggs: DEC 01 2025 Chick: DEC 29 2025 Fledged: MAR 25-26 2026
2	AS1	Avian Suites in memory of "Dallas the Brave"	Eggs: 3 Chicks: 3 Fledged: 3	Eggs: DEC 03 2025 Chick: DEC 31 2025 Fledged: MAR 29-30 & APR 01 2026
3	ER	Evelyn Reis	Eggs: 4 Chicks: 3 Fledged: 3	Eggs: DEC 18 2025 Chick: JAN 12 2026 Fledged: APR 06-07 & 13 2026
4	AW	Suzan Payne in memory of Allan W. Wilkie	Eggs: 3 Chicks: 3 Fledged: 2	Eggs: DEC 03 2025 Chick: DEC 31 2025 Fledged: 25 MAR 2026
5	RV1	Ray Varella	Eggs: 3 Chicks: 1 Fledged: 0	Eggs: DEC 18 2025 Chick: JAN 12 2026 Chick killed by Brown Capuchin Monkey FEB 03 2026
6	AM	Alicia McLaughlin in honor of "Tango"	Eggs: 2 Chicks: 1 Fledged: 0	Eggs: DEC 04 2025 Chick: JAN 06 2026 Chick predated by boa MAR 25 2026 (~6 days from fledging)
7	RC	Rosalie Cole	Eggs: 2 Chicks: 1 Fledged: 1	Eggs: JAN 29 2026 Chick: FEB 13 2026 Fledged: MAY 12 2026
8	RA	Royal Avian Specialties / Michelle Carollo	Eggs: 1 Chicks: 0 Fledged: 0	Eggs: JAN 12 2026 Nest abandoned by parents same day
9	KD	Kim Dickerson in honor of "Dabi"	Eggs: 3 Chicks: 3 Fledged: 2	Eggs: DEC 01 2025 Chick: DEC 20 2025 Fledged: MAR 14 & 17 2026
10	HF	Lisa and Gamini Ratnavira in memory of Natalie	Eggs: 3 Chicks: 0 Fledged: 0	Eggs: DEC 15 2025 Nest abandoned after repeated harassment by Red-and-green Macaws
11	BH	Brenton Head	Eggs: 4 Chicks: 3 Fledged: 2	Eggs: DEC 15 2025 Chick: DEC 26 2025 Fledged: MAR 15 & 17 2026

12	CH	Kitty Harvill and Christoph Hrdina	Eggs: 3 Chicks: 0 Fledged: 0	Eggs: JAN 09 2026 Nest abandoned after fights with Blue and Yellow Macaws
13	WP	Lena and William Proebsting	Eggs: 3 Chicks: 2 Fledged: 2	Eggs: DEC 15 2025 Chick: JAN 13 2026 Fledged: APR 09 & 12 2026
14	SH	Eric Hathon in memory of Susanne Hathon	Eggs: 1 Chicks: 0 Fledged: 0	Eggs: DEC 29 2025 Abandoned nest
15	LR	Laurel Rohrer	Eggs: 5 Chicks: 0 Fledged: 0	Eggs: DEC 17 and JAN 14 2026 Nest abandoned after repeated fighting with rival BTM pairs. Two nesting attempts
16	ABC	ABC Birds / Jamie Whittaker	Eggs: 4 Chicks: 0 Fledged: 0	Eggs: DEC 17 2025 Likely had a second nesting attempt
17	ABS	Arizona Bird Store / Debbie Schweikardt	Eggs: 5 Chicks: 1 Fledged: 1	Eggs: JAN 02 2026 Chick: JAN 31 2026 Fledged: APR 26 2026
18	LA4	Los Angeles Zoo	Eggs: 6 Chicks: 3 Fledged: 1	Eggs: FEB 01 2026 Chick: FEB 26 2026 Fledged: MAY 24 2026
19	NMTM	Nancy and Todd Marbach in memory of Laney Rickman	Eggs: 3 Chicks: 2 Fledged: 1	Eggs: APR 01 2026 Chick: APR 24 2026 Fledged: AUG 11 2026

This season, 19 of 128 monitored nest boxes in the Laney Rickman Reserve and La Cantina ranch were occupied by Blue-throated Macaws.

Key Outcomes:

- **61 eggs** laid, with **28 chicks hatched** (46% hatch rate) and **20 fledglings** (71% fledging success).
- Losses included **6 nestling deaths** (natural causes), **2 predated chicks** (Brown Capuchin Monkey and boa), and **33 unviable eggs** (13 predated, 15 infertile or in bad state, 5 abandoned).

Annex 2: Description of Nest boxes used by Blue-throated Macaws

Sponsor code: Elizabeth Voxman (EV)
Nest code: PBA 006
Location: Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve

This nest has a long history in the program, active in five previous seasons since 2011. Three eggs were laid starting December 1. Two chicks hatched and both grew strong enough to fledge, banded BO-19-2026 and BO-20-2026. They took their first flight on March 25 and 26.



December 01



December 13



December 31



January 09



January 28



March 15

Sponsor code: Avian Suites in memory of "Dallas the Brave" (AS1)
Nest code: PBA 011
Location: Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve

Active in five previous seasons since 2018. Three eggs were laid and all three chicks hatched and fledged, a perfect season with zero losses at any stage, banded BO-21, BO-22, and BO-27-2026, fledging March 29, 30, and April 1. This pair earns the title of most devoted parents of the season. Camera traps caught them in near-constant alert posture, wings spread, watching the nest entrance, from January through March.



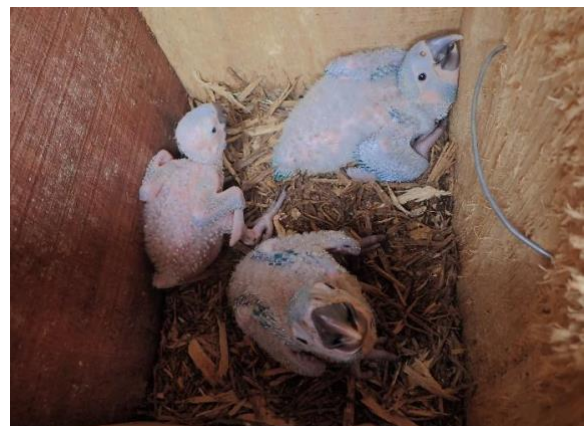
December 03



December 13



January 05



January 26



March 05



March 23

Sponsor code: Evelyn Reis (ER)
Nest code: PBA 015
Location: Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve

Active for the second consecutive season, matching last year's output almost exactly (2024-2025 had 5 eggs and 3 fledglings). This season, the first egg was laid December 18, with four laid in total, one infertile. Chicks hatched around January 12, and all three survived and fledged April 6, 7, and 13, banded BO-28, BO-31, and BO-32-2026.



December 18



December 27



January 26



February 13



March 11



March 31

Sponsor code: Suzan Payne, in memory of Allan Wilkie (AW)
Nest code: PBA 018
Location: Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve

This was the most contested nest box of the season. A Blue-and-yellow Macaw attempted to enter in mid-December, and then Red-and-green Macaws harassed the pair through early January. Despite the pressure, they laid three eggs in December, and all hatched by December 31. The smallest chick was found missing, presumed dead, on January 9. The other two were banded BO-25 and BO-26-2026 and fledged in late March 25.



December 03



December 13



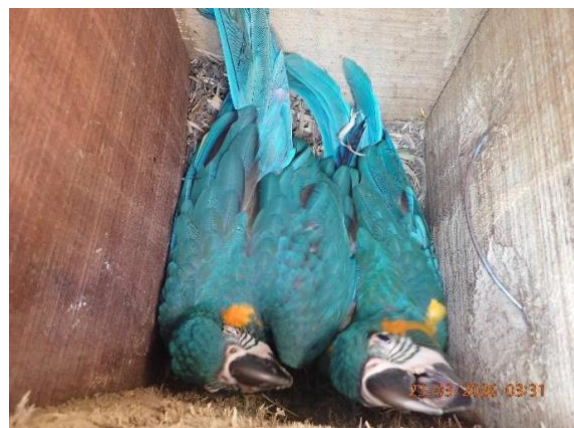
January 05



January 26



February 18



March 23

Sponsor code: Rosalie Cole (RC)
Nest code: PBA 052
Location: La Cantina ranch

This was the most besieged nest of the season, six separate fights against Red-and-green Macaws between late February and mid-March, including one where the invaders briefly drove the resident pair off before they fought back and reclaimed the nest. Despite the pressure, two eggs were laid, one chick hatched around February 13, banded BO-34-2026, and fledged May 12.



January 29



February 10



February 13



March 16



April 01



May 08

Sponsor code: Kim Dickerson, in honor of "Dabi" (KD)
Nest code: PBA 081
Location: Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve

First egg was laid on December 1. Three eggs hatched into three chicks around December 20-22; one didn't survive. The pair fought off a hard clash with Red-and-green Macaws in January, then spent mid-March calmly feeding the two surviving chicks, banded BO-17 and BO-18-2026, until both finally flew on March 17.



December 15



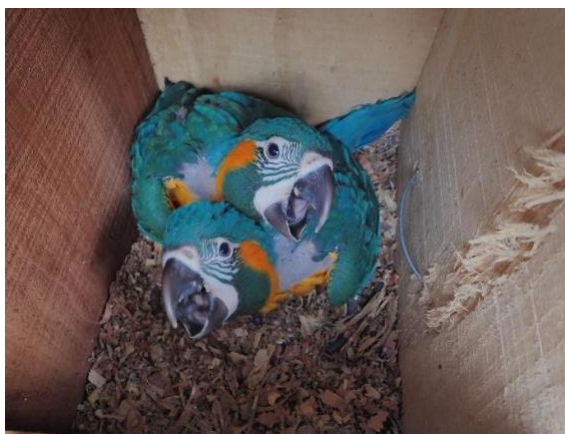
December 22



January 04



January 25



February 14



March 11

Sponsor code: Brenton Head (BH)
Nest code: PBA 093
Location: Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve

The pair laid three eggs by December 15; a fourth came later, and chicks began hatching around December 26. The smallest chick out of three didn't survive. The pair was seen courtship-feeding and preening each other through the season, fended off a Chestnut-fronted Macaw and a duck near the nest, and raised two chicks to fledge in mid-March, banded BO-23 and BO-24-2026.



December 15



December 31



December 31



January 26



February 18



March 17

Sponsor code: Lena and William Proebsting (WP)
Nest code: PBA 108
Location: Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve

Second season at this nest box (active 2024-2025 too). Three eggs laid mid-December hatched into two chicks around January 13; oddly, the chicks went unfed for their first two days before normal feeding started on day three. The pair also stayed alert to Chestnut-fronted Macaws nearby in January. Both chicks fledged, banded BO-29 and BO-30-2026, taking flight April 9 and 12.



December 15



December 22



January 13



February 03



February 18



March 17

Sponsor code: Arizona Bird Store / Debbie Schweikardt (ABS)
Nest code: PBA 121
Location: Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve

Active in three previous seasons since 2022, with two nesting attempts this season. The first, two eggs laid in early December, disappeared by mid-December. A second clutch of three eggs followed in January; one chick hatched January 31, later banded BO-33-2026. In February, cameras caught one parent plucking a tail feather from its mate inside the nest, an odd, sharp-edged bit of behavior worth noting. The chick fledged April 26.



January 01



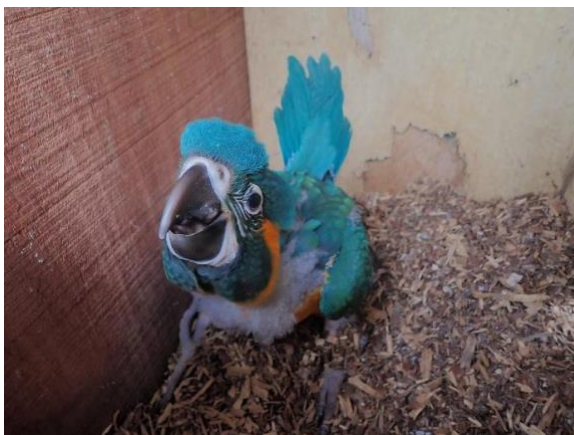
January 14



January 31



February 16



March 18



April 20

Sponsor code: Los Angeles Zoo (LA4)
Nest code: PBA 152
Location: Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve

Active in three previous seasons since 2022, with two nesting attempts. The first clutch of three eggs, laid mid-December, was abandoned in January, camera traps caught the pair outside foraging on motacú fruit instead of incubating. A second clutch followed in early February; three chicks hatched by early March. Only one survived to fledge, around May 24, banded BO-35-2026. One chick died in early June, probably due to a parasite infestation.



December 18



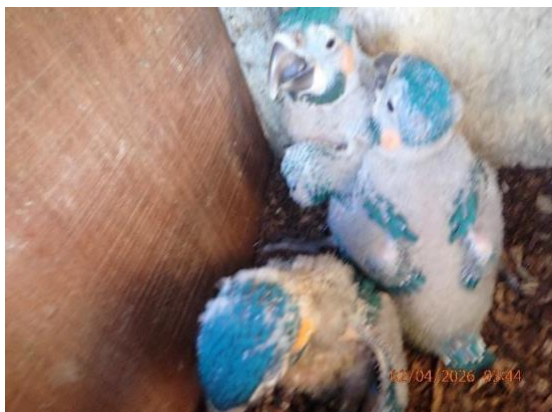
February 01



February 17



March 11



April 02



May 31

Sponsor code: Nancy and Todd Marbach in memory of Laney Rickman (NMTM)
Nest code: PBA 153
Location: Laney Rickman Blue-throated Macaw Reserve

Active in three previous seasons since 2022. This pair nested far later than any other this season, their first egg wasn't laid until April 1. They laid three eggs; one didn't progress, and two chicks hatched late April, banded BO-37 and BO-38-2026. The smallest died in June; the other struggled with parasites, likely tied to the unusually late timing and dry-season conditions, before finally fledging on August 11, the last chick of the season and the reason this became the longest breeding season on record.



April 02



April 08



April 27



May 21



June 12



June 27



Fledgling No. 20:

Meet Tardio!

We named him Tardio, the late one, because he took his time.

While the rest of the season moved ahead, he kept us waiting a little longer than the others.

He finally fledged just one day before Armonía's 30th anniversary, almost as if he had planned the timing himself, *a gift for the occasion.*

We had been waiting for him for a long time, and we could not be happier to have watched him fly as **fledgling number 20** of the season.



Tardio, wearing his fledging-day hat,
Laney Rickman Reserve