**Welcome to our Songbird Habitat**

***Bienvenidos al hábitat del pájaro cantor***

Since the 1950s, many songbird populations in the

Southeast have been in decline. The causes are

complex and include the loss of breeding and

wintering habitat, nests lost to cowbird and

European starling parasitism, and

predation by outdoor cats.

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Our outdoor classroom provides a wide variety of habitat to help songbird populations. We planted a variety of native plants, bushes and trees that provide sources of food and shelter, and we have installed nesting boxes for the local cavity nesting birds such as the Eastern bluebird. In addition, our pond and creek provide a valuable source of water for drinking and bathing.

**We hope you enjoy watching nature at work in our Outdoor Classroom!**

**Please help us protect it from litter and vandalism! Thank you!**

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