

A photograph of a wooden birdhouse on a green post. The birdhouse is made of weathered wood and has a flat roof. A blue bird is flying in the air to the right of the birdhouse. The background is a blurred green field.

BRAW 2020 Data Summary

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Tabulated Results

	Year	Number of boxes:	Boxes used by Bluebirds:	Bluebird eggs laid:	Bluebird eggs hatched:	Bluebirds fledged:	Tree Swallows fledged:	Chickadees fledged:	House Wrens fledged:	Total Cavity Nesters
Totals	2020	6757	3587	24485	20825	19385	7957	894	5067	33303
Totals	2019	6463	3230	18640	15964	14761	8985	996	4251	28993
Difference		294	357	5845	4861	4624	-1028	-102	816	4310
2020 % of 2019	105%	111%	131%	130%	131%	89%	90%	119%	115%	

The preliminary statewide reported total for bluebirds fledged in 2020 is shown in the table above, in comparison to the 2019 final numbers. The improvements in 2020 show a bounce back to about the 2018 numbers. Monitors checked on 5% more boxes, and blue birds used 11% more boxes than in 2019. The result was an improvement of ~30% for bluebird production. There are probably a variety of factors involved. Spring weather may have been hard on the tree swallows. If my trails are any evidence, I found dead adults in several houses as a result of a late spring snow and cold snap.

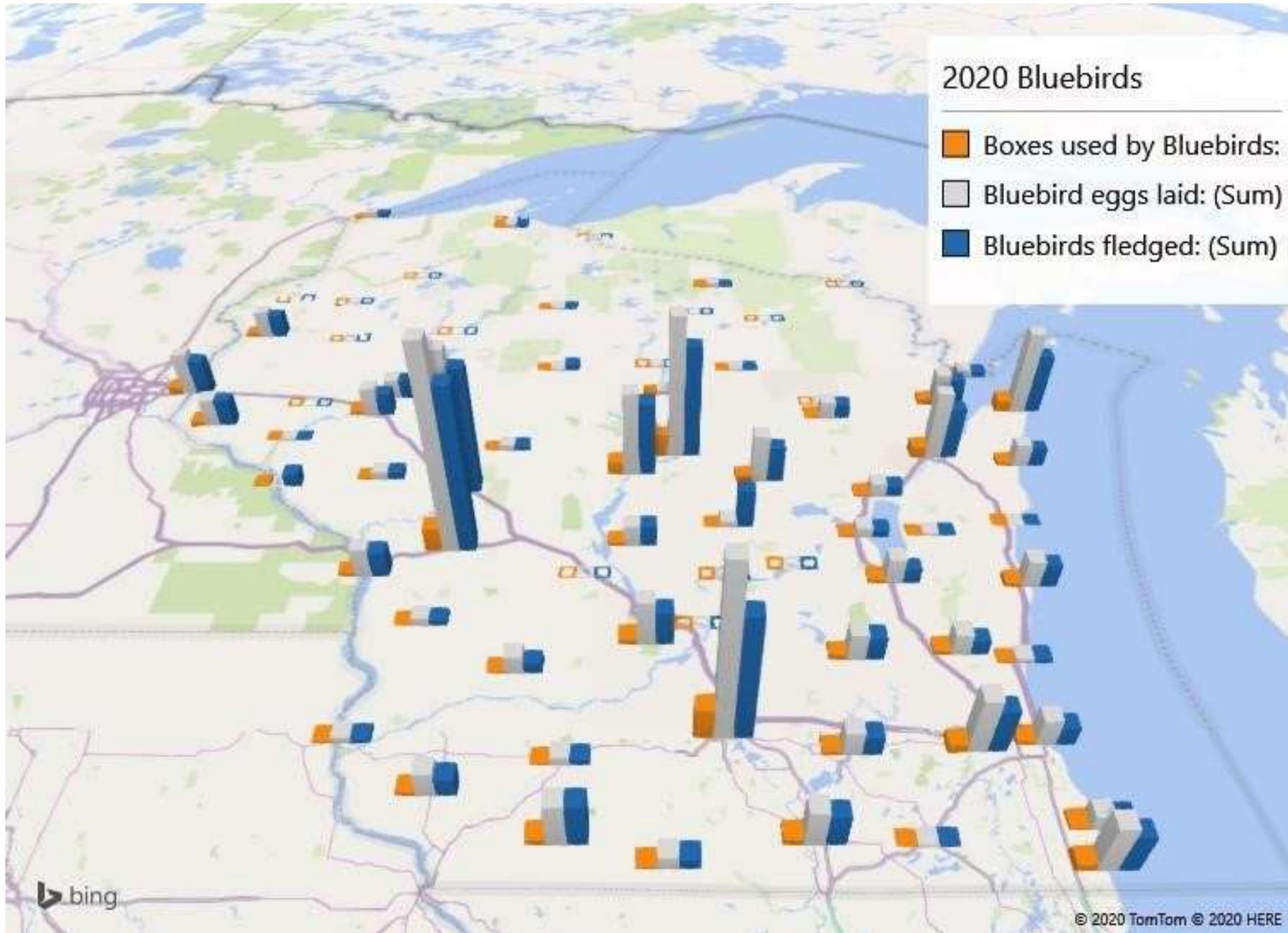
The reduced nest box competition may have given the bluebirds a leg up. Many monitors in the western part of the state reported much better bluebird production this year compared to last year. Later in the year, blackfly issues were reported by some monitors, and wren predation of eggs remained an issue for some. That being said, many monitors reported one of the best years for bluebirds in quite a while. In the above table, the 30% bluebird increase made up the majority of the 15%, year over year, cavity nester increase, and was followed by a nearly 20% increase in the reported production of wrens. Tree swallow and chickadee numbers took a bit of a tumble, both around 90% of the previous year, perhaps due to nest site competition.

As always, hats off to our monitors! They took on more boxes this year and the birds responded. The increase in the previous years' box numbers gave the birds more opportunities to breed in the state and leads to more opportunities for everyone to enjoy them. Our monitors should be proud of their efforts. Well done!

Editor's note: You can still send in your 2020 data. Online: braw.org An updated final report will be in the Spring WB.

2020 Bluebirds

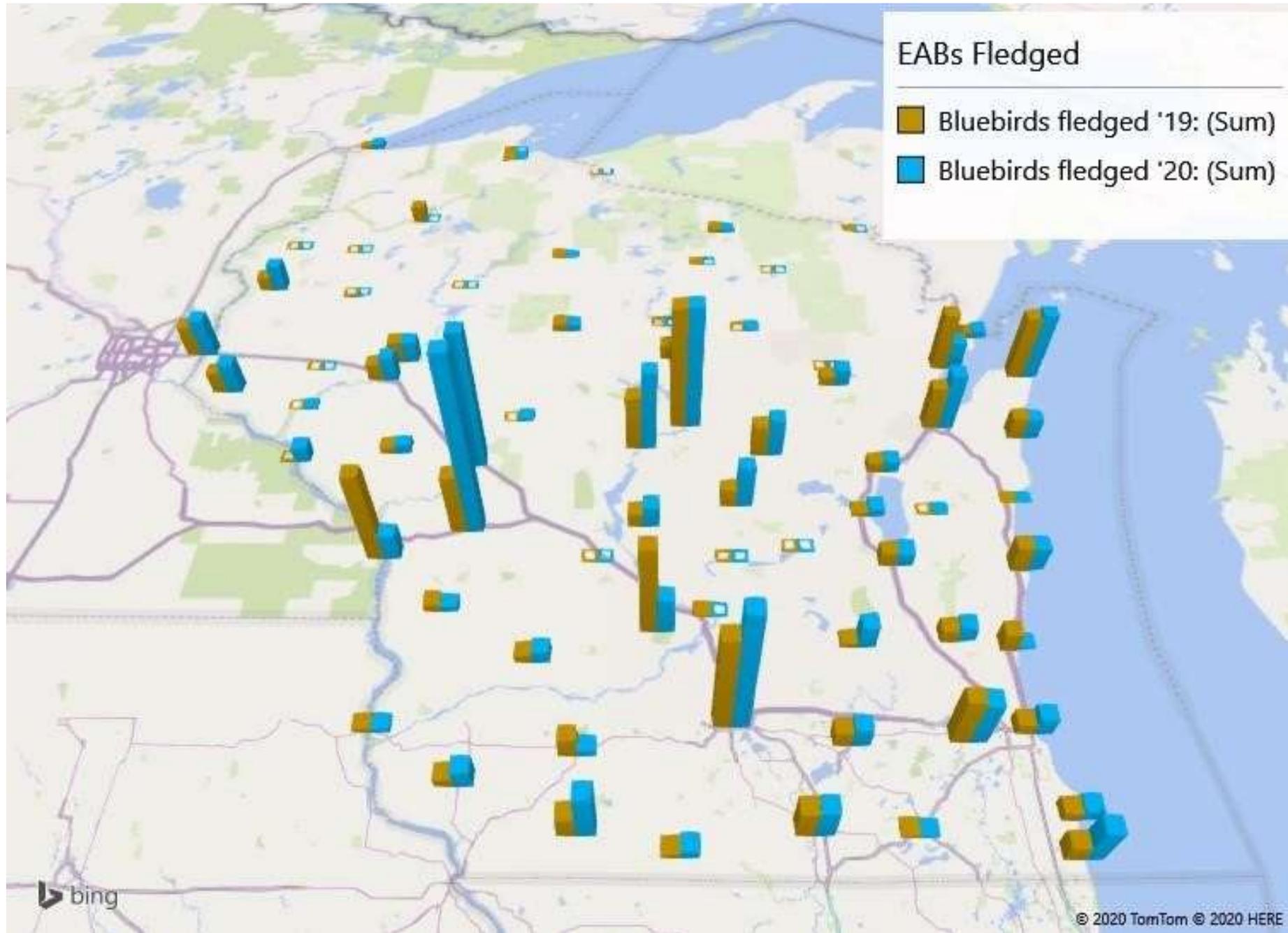
- Boxes used by Bluebirds:
- Bluebird eggs laid: (Sum)
- Bluebirds fledged: (Sum)



EABs Fledged

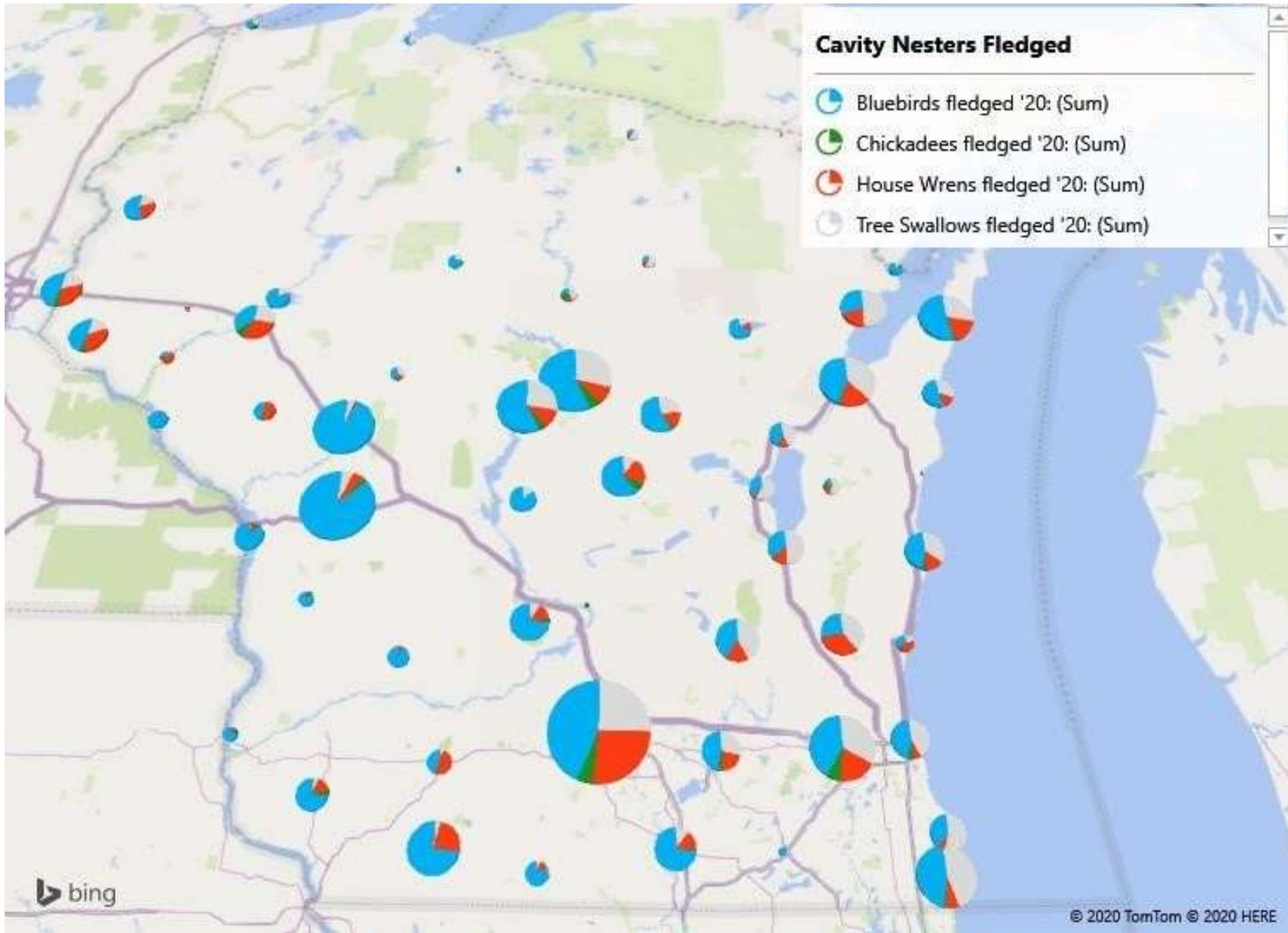
■ Bluebirds fledged '19: (Sum)

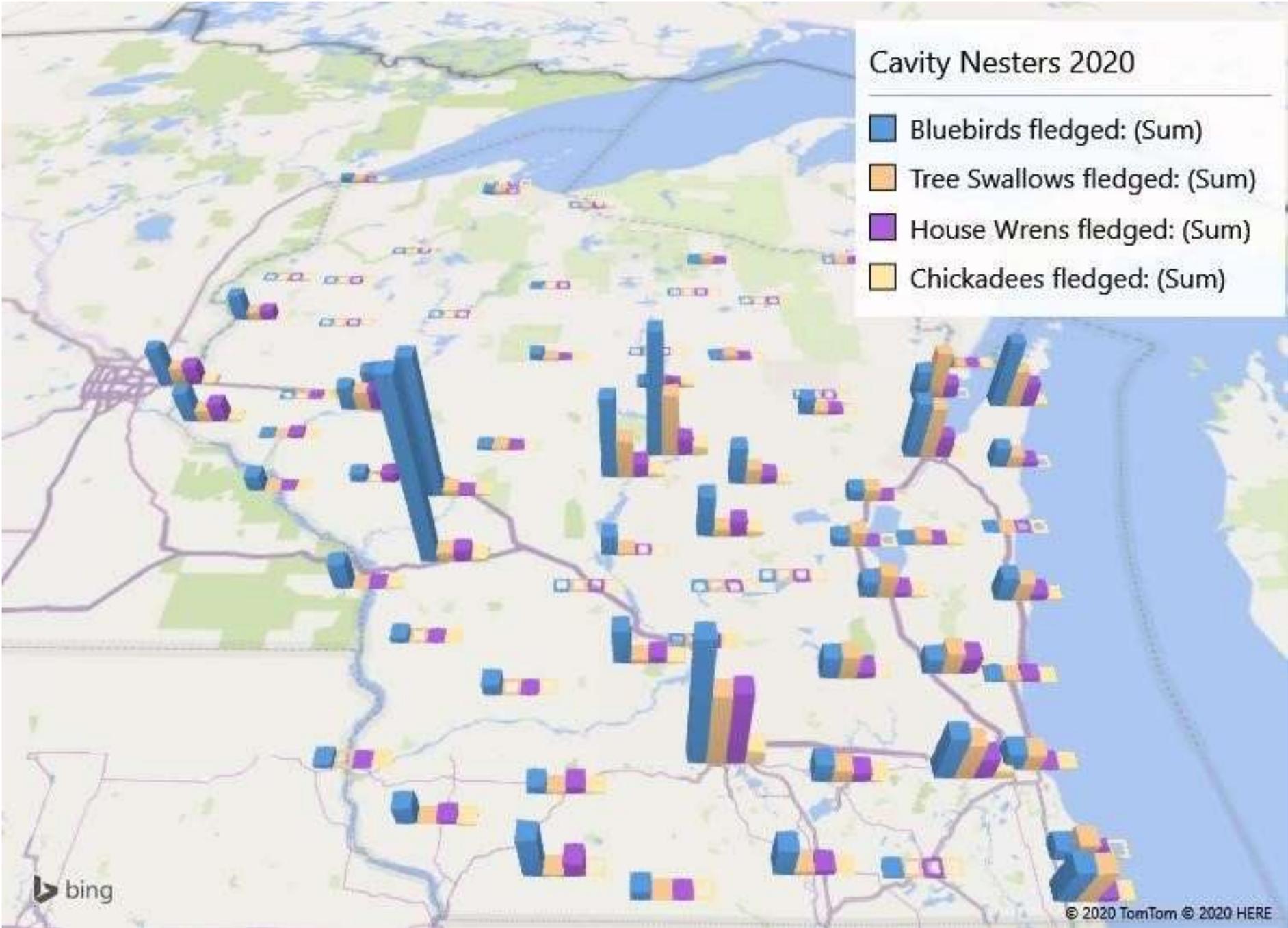
■ Bluebirds fledged '20: (Sum)



Cavity Nesters Fledged

- Bluebirds fledged '20: (Sum)
- Chickadees fledged '20: (Sum)
- House Wrens fledged '20: (Sum)
- Tree Swallows fledged '20: (Sum)





Trail Data Examples- FYI

