

Minsi Lake

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Since 2020, our efforts in Purple Martin conservation at Minsi Lake have produced 405 eggs, of which 206 hatched & 188 survived, to “fly the coop.” Those fledged martins were successfully added to the numbers of this Species of Greatest Conservation Need, as defined by the PA Game Commission. Due to the loss of concentrations of natural cavities for these colonial nesting birds, Purple Martins east of the Mississippi are essentially 100% dependent on human-made structures for successful nesting & reproduction.

We wish our seasonal feathered friends & tenants safe travels to their wintering grounds in Central & South America. And we already anxiously look forward to their boisterous return to the Lake next spring! Many thanks to our Lehigh Valley Audubon Society volunteers for their diligent work monitoring & helping maintain our martin colony. Including the many hours they spend at Minsi every year helping us remove, clean & store away the nesting gourds for the winter at the end of each nesting season & then helping us prepare & rehang them on the towers just before the nesting season begins each year. Looking at you, Mike McCartney, super volunteer & one of the Best Friends of Minsi Lake!

