

Wild Birds Unlimited bluebird nesting box

The North American Bluebird Society has given its "seal of approval" to the Wild Birds Unlimited Bluebird Nesting Box.

- Our nesting box has the correct size hole for bluebirds and features other amenities bluebirds desire.
- The roof opens so you can see eggs and baby birds.
- Thick wood panels provide insulation and natural wood finish has no paints or stains.
- Our unique ventilation and drainage system provides fresh air and prevents heat buildup.
- Side opens for easy cleaning after birds have left the nest.



Wild Birds Unlimited is proud to support the Transcontinental Bluebird Trail of the North American Bluebird Society. Throughout North America bluebirds have access to more than 18,000 nest boxes along the trail. For more information, access www.nabluebirdsociety.org.



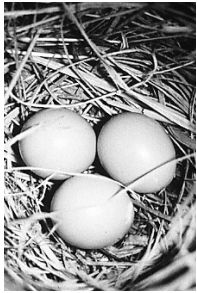
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Attract nesting bluebirds





Offer bluebirds a place to call home!

Bluebirds are beautiful, and the sight of one can be thrilling! These birds like to nest in natural cavities (or holes) found in trees on the edges of fields and pastures. Development, however, has destroyed much of their natural nesting habitat so they rely on manmade nesting boxes for survival.

By placing a bluebird nesting box in your yard, you can take an important step toward helping this species, and you'll be delighted by the antics you see as the bluebirds raise their family in front of yours.



The right kind of yard

To have a successful bluebird nesting box, you must have the right type of yard. Bluebirds prefer open spaces—large country or suburban lawns, pastures, fields, cemeteries, golf courses and parks—primarily because these areas are full of insects, which are bluebirds' favorite food.

Nesting box placement

- If you put up more than one box, place them about 100 yards apart for Eastern Bluebirds and about 300 yards apart for Mountain and Western bluebirds.
- Mount the box 5 feet above ground with the hole facing away from the prevailing wind.
- Use a baffle if you have squirrels, raccoons, snakes or other predators in your area.
- If you have Tree Swallows in your yard, mount the nesting boxes in pairs—one for bluebirds and one for swallows—and keep them 5 feet to 25 feet apart.
- Have your box or boxes in place by mid-February.

Monitor the action

- Put up only as many boxes as you have time to monitor.
- Check the box weekly from March 15 - August 15.
- Record this data: date breeding began, date eggs were laid, date eggs hatched, number of eggs laid in one season, and date and number of bluebirds fledged.
- If you find English House Sparrow nesting material, remove it. These birds, which are not native to the United States, are known for taking over bluebird nesting boxes and destroying the eggs and killing the young. Do not disturb any other species you may find.
- Do not inspect the box when fledglings are 12 days old or older—they might fledge too early.
- If possible, check boxes in the early afternoon so your scent will dissipate by evening.

Bluebird nesting facts

- Male bluebirds establish a territory of two to five acres.
- The male and female court in March and April, and the female chooses the nesting box.
- Bluebirds lay eggs one at a time daily until they complete the clutch of three to five eggs.
- They incubate the eggs for 12 to 14 days.
- The young fledge in 15 to 20 days.
- Bluebirds may have one to three broods.