

Tips And Products To Attract Bluebirds Houses

Food

A Bluebird's primary diet is insects and fruit. Planting native plants like American Bittersweet is a great way to attract and help Bluebirds. Another super way to attract and help Bluebirds is by feeding mealworms. At 50.4% protein, they are an excellent nutrition source.



You can start feeding mealworms in a cup or pan, but because many birds like 'em

and will eat you out of house and home, most people graduate to a Bluebird Feeder. In a Bluebird Feeder, the bird has to go through an entrance hole to find the worms and few birds besides the Bluebird will do so. You might spend weeks trying different presentations of worms before Bluebirds learn to dine regularly; however the results are worth it, as Bluebirds are delightfully trainable even to the point of responding to whistles and other calls when your feeder is refilled. Bluebirds have also been trained to eat Sunflower Kernels from Songbird Essentials Spiral Feeders!!



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Bluebird & Downy Woodpecker eating Kernels from a Songbird Essential Spiral Feeder

Moving Water Attracts MORE Birds, Including Bluebirds

It Works!




Stops Mosquitoes

No, it's not a spaceship- It's the battery powered Water Wiggler from Allied Precision. Finally a way to get moving water without electricity or running a hose! Bonus-Mosquito eggs aren't viable in moving water. They won't hatch!! Reduces West Nile worries and attract Bluebirds!!

Repair Squirrel or Woodpecker damaged entrance holes to Bluebird Boxes with our SE617 Metal 1 1/2" Bluebird Portal Protector.

Available in 1 9/16" size SE618 for Western Bluebirds. (includes screws)



SE617

Keep Mealworms alive and wiggling with Nova Bird Mealworm Warmer- It's like a Crock Pot for Mealworms!



Our (and the Bluebirds) favorite nesting box is the Songbird Essentials SESCO3004RW, Ultimate Nest Box.

This box has:

- Brass hinged doors on both sides to monitor the nest without the danger of chicks falling out.
- Predator protector of solid copper to eliminate squirrels and woodpeckers from enlarging the entrance hole.
- Elevated mesh floor to help protect the young chicks from Blowflies.
- Zinc Chromate plated screws that provide a more sturdy, longer lasting house than one assembled with nails. The screws will not "bleed" leaving unattractive stains below.
- Made of long lasting Cedar.

Other Bluebird Boxes we like:



SESC1009C Screen Top House

Coppertop Bluebird House

SEBEVBH210 Bluebird Inn

SEBUBB100 Recycled Nesting Box - Green

"Sparrows Don't Like 'Em'"



SESC3004RW Ultimate Bluebird House



Gifts For Bluebirds

The "Mad Bluebird" Items



SEEK8500 Memo Pad

SEEK2005 Magnet

SEEK5003 Tray

SEEK1700 Suncatcher

SEEK1500 Coasters

SEEK7039 Mug



SEEK5500 Trivet

SEEK4500 Vase

SEEK6600 - Garden Flag

SEEK6700 - Large Flag

Stuffed Bird



Ornaments



Magnetic Bookmarks



Mailwraps



Portly Bluebirds



Thermometers



Cutting Boards



"Summer Bluebirds" Items



SEEK7605 Thermal Mug

SEEK8508 Memo Pad

SEEK2013 Magnet

SEEK6608 - Garden Flag

SEEK6708 - Large Flag

Attracting Bluebirds

All Bluebirds are cavity nesters. Once common in rural and suburban areas, Bluebird populations declined by as much as 90% from 1920 – 1970. The decline was due to two things: The loss of nesting habitats, such as tree holes, rotted out fence posts and old orchards; and the introduction of the starling and house sparrow in the last half of the 1800's. These two species, introduced from Europe, competed heavily with the Bluebird for existing nesting cavities. Utilization of a sparrow trap is often critical to Bluebird breeding success.



Now you too can make a contribution to conserving these beautiful birds by putting up nest boxes in an appropriate habitat. The key to attracting Bluebirds to nest in your yard is to have plenty of potential nesting locations, food, and water. Bluebirds do prefer more "open area" so if your yard is heavily wooded you'll enjoy many other nesting birds, but probably not Bluebirds.

The female will lay four to five light blue eggs that will take thirteen to fifteen days to hatch.

The male brings food to his mate and the young during the critical first few days of feeding.



They act like tiny hawks, in their slumped hunting position, waiting patiently for an insect or beetle to show itself. It then pounces on it and brings the food back to the nest. Providing a T-shaped perching cross ten to twenty yards in front of the nest box can sometimes help attract Bluebirds.

Bluebirds are "Family Role Models"

Bluebird young will fledge in fifteen to twenty days. Even though the parents will keep feeding them, the fledglings can find their own food in about two weeks.

Some of the newly independent youngsters from the first brood are often seen bringing food to their new siblings. They teach us much about the "Bond and Love of Family." This often continues into the fall and at times they stay together until the following spring. This is a great example of how we humans should support family members.

So what are you waiting for? Get your houses up, Mealworms and water out, and sit back and watch for "Brilliant Blue to appear!" Good Luck!!

Want to Learn More?

Ask a store employee to play you the "Bluebird Segment" of "Bird Man Mel's In Your Own Backyard DVD", or go to www.birdmanmel.com.



You'll also find these and other great books as part of our Bluebird Product Section. Whether you're looking for beginner facts on attracting birds, or learning more about specific species, we have books you'll enjoy!

Want More Information on Attracting Bluebirds to Your Yard? Ask any of our friendly, knowledgeable staff.

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Tips to Attracting Bluebirds To Your Backyard!

"Somewhere over the rainbow, Bluebirds fly." That famous lyric from the "Wizard of Oz" helped immortalize the beautiful Bluebird. Since early colonial times, people have loved Bluebirds because of their beauty, their feeding in open areas around houses and farms, and their endearing habit of readily nesting in man-made boxes.

In the U.S. there are three different types of Bluebirds. The Eastern Bluebird that occurs East of the Rockies is by far the most numerous. Across the Western one-third of the U.S. A. you will also find Mountain Bluebirds and Western Bluebirds. One important thing to remember when providing housing for Bluebirds, is that you need to provide larger floor space and entrance holes in diameter for Western and Mountain Bluebirds. A 4" by 4" floor is adequate for Eastern Bluebirds, but a 5" by 5" floor is recommended for Mountain and Western Bluebirds. The entrance hole should be 1 1/2" in diameter for Eastern Bluebirds, and 1 9/16" for Mountain and Western Bluebirds.

