

Eastern Bluebird



GARDEN EARTH
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EASTERN BLUEBIRD

Sialia sialis

ORDER: Passeriformes

IDENTIFICATION CLUES



- ◆ 7 inches long
- ◆ males are brilliant blue with rust-colored breast and white belly
- ◆ Females duller blue to gray with paler rust breast



Where to Look

Eastern Bluebirds prefer open areas, pastures and orchards. They often roam in small groups looking for food.



What It Eats.

Eastern Bluebirds forage on the ground or vegetation for insects during the warmer months. In the colder months they rely more on fruits and berries.



Nesting

Bluebirds build nests of pine straw in small cavities or nest boxes and lay 4-5 blue eggs.



Call or Song

Bluebirds have a pleasing song, "chiti-wew wewidoo".



Migration?

The Eastern Bluebird is a year round resident of Georgia.



Did You Know

Bluebirds have been declining as a result of a reduced number of nesting sites due to competition and loss of habitat. Nesting boxes, however, have successfully helped bring back bluebird populations.