

OBSERVATION BLUEBIRD HOUSE



This Observation Bluebird House is designed to accommodate the Eastern Bluebird, found in most areas east of the Rocky Mountains. To open the house and observe the nest, simply turn the metal latch to the upright position on the right side of the box to access the plexiglass observation panel. Once babies have fledged, any nesting material can be removed by unscrewing the screw at the bottom of the plexiglass panel and then lowering the panel.

It is ideal to situate the nest box 5 to 6 feet high on a post in a meadow or open area, as bluebirds prefer open fields for access to insects and berries. The presence of a nearby tree or fence may offer bluebirds a spot to watch protectively over their flock. Placement of the house may attract tree swallows; if swallows encroach on the house, it can be helpful to place another bluebird house nearby to create a more peaceful area.

Alternate placement among a tree line or wooded area may attract titmice, chickadees, nuthatches, and wrens.

MOUNTING YOUR BLUEBIRD HOUSE

On the back of the house is a metal hanger at the top and a pre-drilled hole at the bottom. Put a nail or screw into the side of a tree or post, leaving the head sticking out about 1/4". Place the metal hanger over the nail or screw. Put another nail or screw through the hole at the pre-drilled hole at bottom of the rear panel and into the tree or post in order to fasten the house securely. This bluebird house should be placed between 6' and 20' from the ground, preferably in the woods or at the edge of woods. In an area where starlings are abundant, you may want to set up several nest boxes, so the starlings can have their own and leave the bluebirds alone.

Should you wish to paint or stain, it is critical to use water-based stain or paint only. Oil-based paints and stains are toxic to birds. It is also important to stay away from dark colors that may cause the nest box to become too hot for nestlings. A light seasonal external coating of boiled linseed oil is a highly effective non-toxic preservative.



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