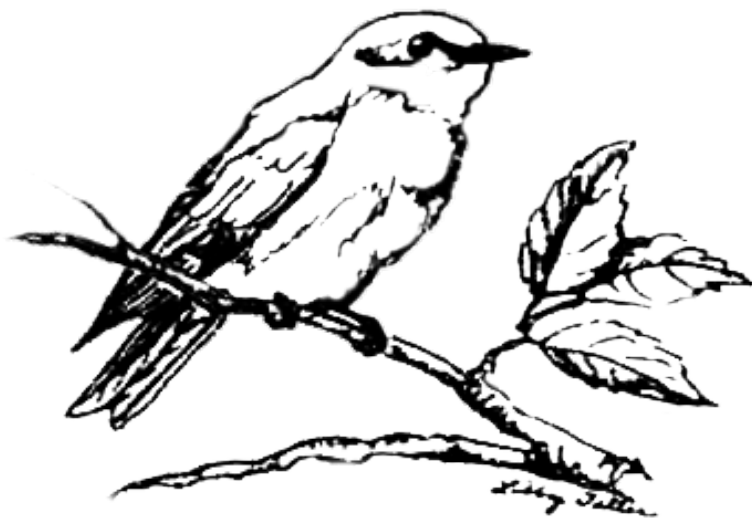


WESTERN BLUEBIRD HOUSE



This Western Bluebird House is designed to accommodate the Western bluebird, a species commonly found west of Colorado, ranging from Canada to Mexico. The house features a 1.5625" diameter entry hole, larger than an entrance for their eastern counterparts, to meet their particular nesting needs.

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

1. 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.
2. Put another nail or screw through the pre-drilled hole at the bottom of the rear panel and into the tree or post in order to fasten the house securely.
3. 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.
4. Should you wish to paint or stain, it is critical to only use water-based stain or paint. 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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