

OPEN-TOP EASTERN BLUEBIRD HOUSE



This house is designed to accommodate Eastern bluebirds, a species found east of the Rocky Mountains. Bluebirds use natural cavities that are not always covered, making this home's open-top design a fitting and convenient shelter.

The hole on top of the roof is covered by a black, plastic grid that deters predatory threats and debris, while allowing suitable ventilation and an opening for the nest. A white, plastic cap easily covers the opening when not in use; fill the shallow cap with mealworms or other nutritious snacks to provide an alternative feeding option.

It is ideal to situate the nest box 5' to 6' 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 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 accommodate 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 0.25". 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. 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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