**Eastern Bluebird**

*Sialia sialis*

**Animalia** > **Chordata** > **Aves** > **Passeriformes** > **Turdidae** > **Sialia**

**Cornell Lab**: [www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Eastern_Bluebird/id](www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Eastern_Bluebird/id)

**I Wish You Bluebirds**: [sialis.org](sialis.org)

**MDC Bluebird Page**: [mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/common-plants-and-animals/birds/mo-birds/bluebirds](mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/common-plants-and-animals/birds/mo-birds/bluebirds)

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**Size**:
- Length: 16 to 21 cm / 6.3 to 8.3 in
- Wing span: 25 to 32 cm / 9.8 to 12.6 in
- Weight: 26 to 32 g / 0.9 to 1.1 oz

**Coloring Guide**:
- Males: blue head, back, wings and tail, reddish orange breast and throat; white belly
- Females: similar to males but more grey blue

**Habitat** (home/food/water):
- Grassland or meadow with trees, farms, woodland and, yards

**Home**:
- a cavity for a nest, a perch for looking and grassy areas for prey

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**What eats Eastern Bluebirds**:
- Owls, raccoons, snakes, house cats
- Young owls, rats, raccoons, snakes, house cats
- Adults killed by house wrens, house sparrows, bluebird nest box campaigns
- House sparrows, crows and other birds competing

**What Eastern Bluebirds eat**:
- Insects caught on ground or plants, grasshoppers, beetles, spiders, fall and winter; berries of sumacs, dogwood, blackberries, honeysuckle, poke, and others

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**North American Distribution**

**Missouri Distribution**

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"Sally-gleaning" A bird sits on a perch looking for prey on the ground or plants and flies down to capture it. Then the bird flies back to the perch to eat it. Also called "Hawking".