

BLUEBIRD HOUSE CHECKLIST



FOOD AND WATER

- Open space for hunting insects, prefer mowed or low grass
- Berries nearby during season
- Water source nearby

POSITION AND CONDITION

- Space at least 50 ft. around box
- Boxes should be 100 yards apart or not within sight of each other as bluebirds are territorial.
- Height: position the nesting box at a height that is comfortable for monitoring
- Direction:
- Ideally the entrance hole should face away from prevailing weather and away from direct sunlight. Direct sunlight can raise the inside temperature 5 degrees or more.
- Entrance hole should face a tree or large bush within 100 ft. to provide a perch for the fledglings when they leave the nest.
- Boxes should be light in color. Dark color can drastically raise the inside temperature.

PREDATORS

- Predator guard is a must. A predator cage around the hole is a good addition.
- No ants!
- No wasps!
- Watch out! Sparrows like the box close to buildings and Wrens like bushes close.

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