

Mountain Bluebird

(Sialia currucoides)



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Eat primarily insects such as beetles, grasshoppers, spiders, and caterpillars.

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How to Identify:

- A bird up to 7 inches long.
- Striking sky blue overall except for a variably silver-gray belly.
- Males are brighter in color than females

Habitat:

- Can be found in the western half of North America
- During the breeding season, they like open areas with a mix of short grasses, shrubs, and trees at elevations above 5000 feet.
- They prefer open rangelands and meadows.
- They use tree cavities created by woodpeckers for nest holes.

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More Fun Facts!

- During the winter they eat small fruits, seeds and insects when available.
- They nest in natural tree cavities or bird houses.
- They hunt from perches and can hover above the ground when looking for insects.
- The state bird of Idaho.





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Help Protect the Bluebird

- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides.
- Support conservation of natural areas for all wildlife.
- Set up nesting boxes
- Populations declined by about 24% between 1966 and 2015, according to the North American Breeding Bird Survey.

ACTIVITY TIME

1. On your next visit to an Idaho State Park, check out any bluebird boxes to see if you can find a Mountain Bluebird. Did you see any? Any Western Bluebirds?

2. What song has this bird flying over the rainbow?

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