

There are many different designs for bluebird boxes. We suggest the one below. Whatever plan you choose there are several considerations to keep in mind:

- 1) Entrance hole should be 1½ inches. This makes it starling-proof.
- 2) Be sure to allow for ventilation (top) and drainage (bottom).
- 3) Keep in mind how you are going to mount the box.
- 4) Be sure to use a predator guard.
- 5) The boxes should be in place by the second week of March.
- 6) Select good habitat—open area with scattered trees and low or sparse grassy ground cover.
- 7) Avoid brushy and heavily wooded areas as this attracts house wrens.
- 8) Place box away from buildings (100 yards). This discourages house sparrow usage.
- 9) Place box so the opening faces a tree, no closer than 100 feet. The young can fly to the tree when they first leave the nest.
- 10) Place box 4-6 feet above the ground.
- 11) Monitor the box every week during the nesting season (mid-April through mid-August).
- 12) Nest should be removed as soon as brood leaves. This allows a second brood to be raised.
- 13) Inspect box in winter. Clean and repair.

