

The Texas Bluebird Society

The Texas Bluebird Society was founded in 2001 by avid bluebirders from across the state. We joined together to pool our passion for and knowledge of these beautiful birds.

Our members now range from those who have the hope of one day seeing a bluebird or attracting a bluebird to a nestbox in their yard, to those who have extensive "bluebird trails" with hundreds of nestboxes.

By joining together, we are able to share Texas-specific experiences, encourage habitat creation, support research and educate the public with regard to bluebirds and other native cavity-nesting birds.

We have members who participate in scientific studies, including our study to determine more effective ways to provide a cooler nestbox. Others speak to organizations or work with school children. Many volunteers build, install or monitor nestboxes. Some simply share their interest in bluebirds and distribute information from our website.

A dream is becoming a reality:

"Bluebirds Across Texas

...one nestbox at a time."



Contact Information

To learn more about bluebirds and other cavity-nesting bird species in Texas and what you can do to help, please contact the Texas Bluebird Society at:

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or visit our website at:

www.texasbluebirdsociety.org



The Texas Bluebird Society
is the state affiliate
of the North American Bluebird Society

Visit them at

www.nabluebirdsociety.org

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Being a Friend to Bluebirds in Need



*Courtesy of Ricky Russell, photographer, Sulphur Springs News Telegram
Installing nestbox for a bluebird trail at Coleman Lake*

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Bluebirds in Texas

Once one of the more common birds in North America, by the early 1960s these birds were in serious trouble and intensive conservation efforts were needed to ensure the species survived. Concerned bluebird enthusiasts saw the impact habitat loss was having on these birds and began restoring the lost cavities in which they could nest with nestboxes. Soon bluebird trails (several or more nestboxes) began to appear across the country and cavity-nesting birds of all types, including the bluebirds, began to recover.

Today, all three species of bluebird found in North America can be seen in Texas. By far, the most populous and productive nesting area for the Eastern Bluebird in Texas is east Texas, where Texas Bluebird Society members maintain hundreds of miles of bluebird trails. In west Texas, trails are beginning to develop for the Western Bluebird the other Texas nesting species. Once thought of as a rural bird, Eastern Bluebirds are now nesting in some suburban areas.

The Texas Bluebird Society is working to establish bluebirds across Texas, and you can be part of our effort. This brochure will provide some ideas of ways you can help make this goal a reality.

How Can You Help?

- If you have suitable habitat (somewhat open area with short grass) add at least one nestbox in your yard.
- Establish a bluebird nestbox trail in your area. Texas tough plans for nestboxes can be found on our website as well as instructions for erecting and monitoring nestboxes.
- Volunteer to build nestboxes for others. The Texas Bluebird Society does entertain requests for nestboxes to seed new trails. To meet these requests, we need volunteers who will build nestboxes.
- Landscape your property in a way that will create optimal habitat for bluebirds. This might include planting berry producing trees for winter food, reducing pesticide use and controlling predators on your property.
- Perhaps you can furnish an in-kind donation. Examples of this would include nestbox materials, mounting hardware, printing/copying service, or professional services such as legal assistance or an annual financial review by a CPA.



Join the Texas Bluebird Society

The yearly nominal membership fee is dedicated to education and scientific activities (primarily installing monitored nestboxes and submitting data for research) benefiting bluebirds and other cavity-nesting species in Texas.

With your choice of membership you will receive:

*6 bimonthly issues of **Texas Blues**, the newsletter of the Texas Bluebird Society*

An invitation to participate in the annual meeting of the Texas Bluebird Society each fall in Central Texas, and a mid-year event that rotates throughout Texas

Technical guidance from some of the most knowledgeable and respected bluebirders in Texas

Your participation will help make our vision of *Bluebirds Across Texas* one nestbox at a time a reality.