

# A Brief History of Bluebird Management



Once one of the more common birds in North America, by the early 1960's 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" began to appear across the country and cavity-nesters 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 several 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 being seen in Dallas suburbs while Austin has bluebirds within 30 miles of its northern limits.

The Texas Bluebird Society is working to establish "bluebirds across Texas", and you can help.