



Critter Characteristics & Habitats: Bluebird

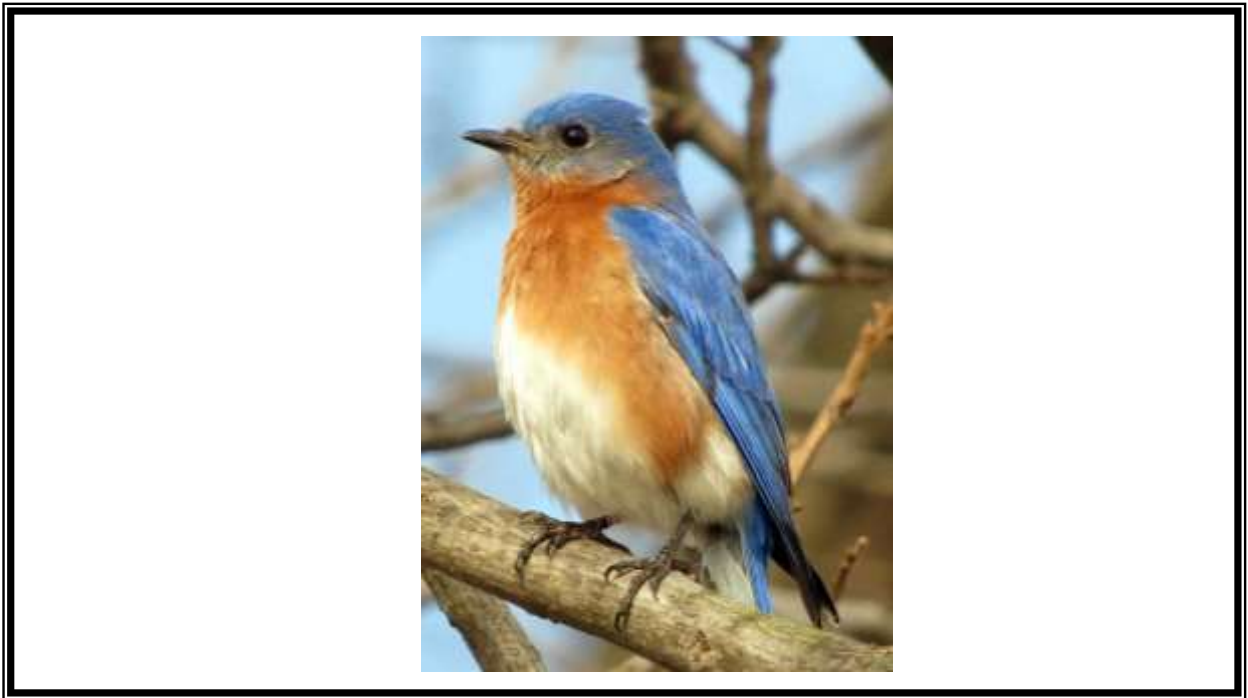
Answer Sheet

Explore your habitat lab and look for an Eastern bluebird.

Complete the questions below to help you describe it and its habitat needs.

Use the Alabama Wildlife Federation's Wonders of Wildlife Eastern bluebird webpage to help you answer the questions.

1. Draw a picture of the animal.



2. What color is it? Blue with a white belly and brown chest

black blue brown gray green orange purple red yellow white





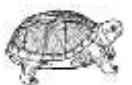



3. How many legs does it have? two

zero two four six eight ten one hundred






4. Estimate how long (or tall) it is: _____feet 6-8 inches



5. Put a checkmark next to the feature(s) it has.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fur  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feathers  | <input type="checkbox"/> Thin Wings  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard Covering  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hard Shell  | <input type="checkbox"/> Scales  | <input type="checkbox"/> Smooth Skin  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bristles  |

6. What type of animal did you find?

- ☒ bird ☐ reptile ☐ amphibian ☐ mammal ☐ insect ☐ other invertebrate
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7. What type of "babies" does it have?

- ☐ Live baby (not in egg) that looks similar to parent (*typically a mammal*)
- ☒ Hard-shelled eggs with babies that look similar to parent (*typically a bird or reptile*)
- ☐ "Soft" tiny eggs in water with larvae that change (morph) into adult (*amphibian or insect*)
- ☐ "Soft" tiny eggs on plants or in soil with larvae that change (morph) into adult (*insect*)

8. What is the Latin name of this animal? Sialis sialis

9. Where does this animal typically live? (you can choose more than one)

- ☒ grassland ☐ tundra ☐ desert ☒ woodland ☒ meadow ☐ wetland
- ☐ creek ☐ pond/lake ☐ river ☐ ocean ☐ other: _____

10. Where did you find it in the habitat lab? go look

- ☐ in the grass ☐ on the ground ☐ in the soil ☐ in a tree or bush ☐ in water or a pond ☐ on a flower

11. Describe its habitat needs including the specific food, water, shelter and places to raise its young it needs to survive:

Food: caterpillars, moths, crickets, beetles, grasshoppers, spiders, and earthworms AND blueberries, dogwood berries, honey suckle, and juniper berries

Water: streams

Shelter: Open grassland habitats with some trees

Places to Raise Young: nests in natural cavities in dead trees or old woodpecker holes

