



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.

Fur



Feathers



Thin Wings

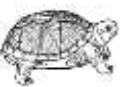


Hard Covering



Hard Shell

Scales



Smooth Skin



Bristles



6. What type of animal did you find?

bird reptile amphibian mammal insect other invertebrate



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

