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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS DINNER MEETING**, 5:00 PM at the Korner Kitchen in Bigfork. Open to all interested members.

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**, Flathead Bank of Bigfork in the meeting room. 7:30 Business meeting (open to all).  
8:00 Program: Bud Moore, retired Forest Service Officer, private land manager and all around conservationist will present thoughts, ideas and examples on how we in north-west Montana can **"Sustain worthy lives within the land's capacity to produce"**. Bud has developed a well-thought-out philosophy on how to live with the land. He hopes to generate a lively discussion about his ideas.

**The Future of Montana State Parks**, a public meeting to discuss direction and changes in management for our State Park System. Your input is necessary for specific parks important to you. 7:00 PM, Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Building, Kalispell.

**International Wildlife Film Festival**, Missoula, April 3-8. Includes wildlife photo contest this year. Call Mike Bashkin, Chairman, 243-2477. Entries due 3/24/90.

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"Spring was coming... A week of good weather and the cottonwoods would bust their buttons and the diamond willow run out leaves as narrow as snakes' tongues, and at sundown a man would hear the killdeer crying."

A.B. Guthrie  
*The Big Sky*

## EDITOR'S DESK

Leo Keane

Yes sir, it's Springtime in the Rockies...

...but enough about the birds and bees. We have business to discuss--and it's about you. Specifically, Flathead Audubon needs several volunteers to step forward quite soon, let's say by early May. This is when we hold our elections, select our appointees, and otherwise organize a crew to lead Flathead Audubon into the next year (September through May being our calendar year--we take the summer off to tune up). Now, looking through my crystal ball I see another game of "Musical Chairs" going on down there at Audubon Headquarters, the Korner Kitchen in Bigfork. What a team, shuffling themselves right back into another position on the Flathead Audubon Board of Officers and Directors. Betcha they'd appreciate a fresh face around the old meeting table--new blood, new ideas, better jokes. But wait... there is an empty chair showing up. And some guy wandering around with a typewriter. Hey, that looks like me! I must be looking for someone to give this typewriter to!

Yes it's true--a Smith Corona, Spell-Rite II #125, Selectronic "Bird Processor" can be yours, free to use for one year, or as long as you elect to hold the position of Newsletter Editor. As an editor, of course you'll need to meet certain stringent qualifications before you get the job: You must have a pencil and know how to use it. (Don't worry, the typewriter's a breeze.) You should be adept at bribery, coercion or any means necessary to extract the written word from your Audubon colleagues. (This way you get to use your pencil more on the eraser end, less on the lead end.) If you're a night owl, with a resilient mate, a few square feet you can call your own, and know your semi-colons from your gallinules--hey, you've got the job.

The rewards? Multitudenous. I like buying myself a "Bigfork Burger" the second Monday of every month--and thinking that little by little we are opening eyes to the birds and beauty of the world, and that's the least we can give back.



FROM THE BOSQUE  
Bob and Nancy Ballou

AUDUBON INSTITUTE  
OF  
DESERT ECOLOGY

The 20th annual Institute of Desert Ecology will be sponsored by the Tucson Audubon Society on April 19-22, 1990, at Catalina State Park north of Tucson. The Institute is an exciting four days of field studies in Sonoran Desert ecology, under the enthusiastic tutelage of six of Arizona's foremost natural history experts. Sessions focus on relationships between plants, wildlife, and the desert environment.

Participants camp in a shaded mesquite bosque adjacent to undisturbed desert washes, canyons, hillsides, and rich riparian areas. Ample, tasty meals are catered on-site and all camp services except sleeping equipment are provided. The cost is \$245, with university credit available for an additional fee

For more information contact the director, Mary Ann Chapman, at 300 East University, Suite 120, Tucson, AZ 85705. Or call her at (602) 887-9449.



The Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge is a dandy. Ninety miles south of Albuquerque along the Rio Grande, it is home during the winter to some 12,000 greater sandhill cranes, 35,000 snow geese, and 11,000 mallards, along with all sorts of other wildlife both common and unknown to Montana. The refuge is best known for being the wintering area for the foster whooping cranes raised by sandhills at Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Idaho. This year the Bosque has eight whoopers, and there are five additional ones up and down the Rio Grande valley.

We see an amazing number of white-crowned sparrows, and Coopers hawks are common.

Most exciting for us, I think, have been sightings of vermillion flycatchers and Harris hawks.

This is the second year as wintertime volunteers for Nancy and me. Nancy helps out with the visitor program, answering questions in the visitor center and generally trying to assure the many birders and others a pleasant experience. I work more with the wildlife and habitat; checking water levels, filling in on knocking down corn with a tractor for the cranes and geese, and helping with a big tree planting program that is underway.

"Bosque" in Spanish means "woods". Originally these Apache woods were extensive riverbottom timberlands, but over time as a result of cutting and burning, lowering of the water table, and all sorts of other blessings bestowed upon the area with the arrival of Caucasians, the area has become infested with the exotic salt cedar. The native black willow/cottonwood bosque has mostly disappeared. To the great credit of the refuge, I believe, they are spending a lot of their hard-to-come-by funds to restore the bosque.

On a more personal note, Nancy and I have discovered that being volunteers is a great way to go. The work is interesting and worthwhile, the people we work with are great, and the refuge is providing us with a home in the sun from which to explore New Mexico on our days off. More people should try it--there is a demand for volunteers. We'll send an update from the Bosque next month.

(Bob and Nancy Ballou are Flathead Chapter members from Ronan, and serve on our Board of Directors.)

A BIRDERS WINTER BREAK  
Gail McGlothlin

Deciding I needed some warm weather and new "life-birds" I flew to Corpus Christi, Texas early this winter. I joined my mother and her friend (both active Audubon members of the Yellowstone Chapter) and my sister who served as our driver.

Our first stop was the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, winter home of the **whooping crane**. On the boat trip through the refuge we saw 42 whoopers, along with 40 other species of birds. Highlights were the **crested caracara**, **tri-colored heron**, **oyster catchers** and the **roseate spoonbill**.

Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge is a mix of salt and freshwater marshes, coastal prairie and savannah. Spotted there were the **plain chachalaca**, **Harris hawk**, **golden-fronted woodpecker** and the **semi-palmated plover**. Leaving the refuge, on adjacent farm land we saw upwards of 300 **sandhill cranes**.

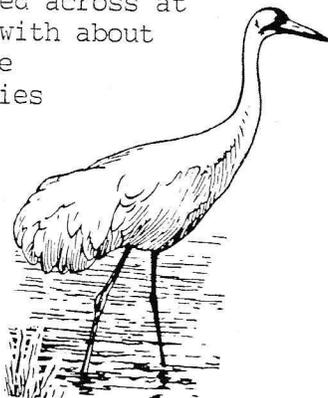
Nest stop was the Brownsville dump! You wave your binoculars to the attendant and away you go, in hot pursuit of the dump trucks! We did not see the **Mexican crow** as it was quite muddy and they hang around where the dumping is going on. Next time!

At Sable Palm Grove Audubon Sanctuary we hiked in a jungle dominated by the endangered sabal palm. The mosquitoes hiked with us! but a beautiful **buff-bellied hummingbird** gave us a little show.

On to Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, a preserve of native sub-tropical woodlands, closed to all cars. You hop on a train to tour the sanctuary. Hiking further in we spotted the **greater roadrunner**, **green and ringed kingfishers** and the colorful **great kiskadee**.

At Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park, a hub for birders, we saw the **Altamira oriole**, **black-shouldered** and **hook-billed kites**, **Couch's kingbird** and a rare visitor, the **blue bunting**. We hiked to the Rio Grande River and looked across at Mexico. We searched all day with about 30 other bird watchers for the **masked tityra**, a Mexican species and first time visitor to the park. He had been seen for three days prior to our visit, but we had no luck.

Southern Texas is definitely a birder's paradise! We saw 113 species, and I saw 51 life-birds. I know I'll be back!



(Gail McGlothlin is a Flathead Audubon member, and physical therapist, from Whitefish.)

MONTANA AUDUBON  
SPRING COUNCIL MEETING  
May 11-13, 1990  
Dillon, Montana

The spring meeting of the Montana Audubon Council should have a little different flavor this year. Using wood stove heated bunkhouses and the lodge of one of the nation's last original CCC camps, Audubon members from across Montana will get together for the semi-annual Spring Council Meeting.

This back-to-the-basics retreat will take place on May 11-13 at Western Montana College's Birch Creek Outdoor Education Center located in the East Pioneer Mountains about 20 miles northwest of Dillon. Festivities will begin Friday evening with a wine and cheese social and dinner. After an early breakfast Saturday morning we'll carpool out on a field trip to learn about the Conservation Reserve Program compliments of District Conservationist Frank Toupal. Our lunch back at Birch Creek will be accompanied by speakers and in the afternoon we'll get down to business, chaired by Council President, Margaret Adams.

Saturday night's banquet will feature an old-fashioned cook-out catered by Western's premier chef, Duane Holschbach, well known for the delicious meals he creates. An owl prowl, star-gazing and wildlife films will follow the banquet.

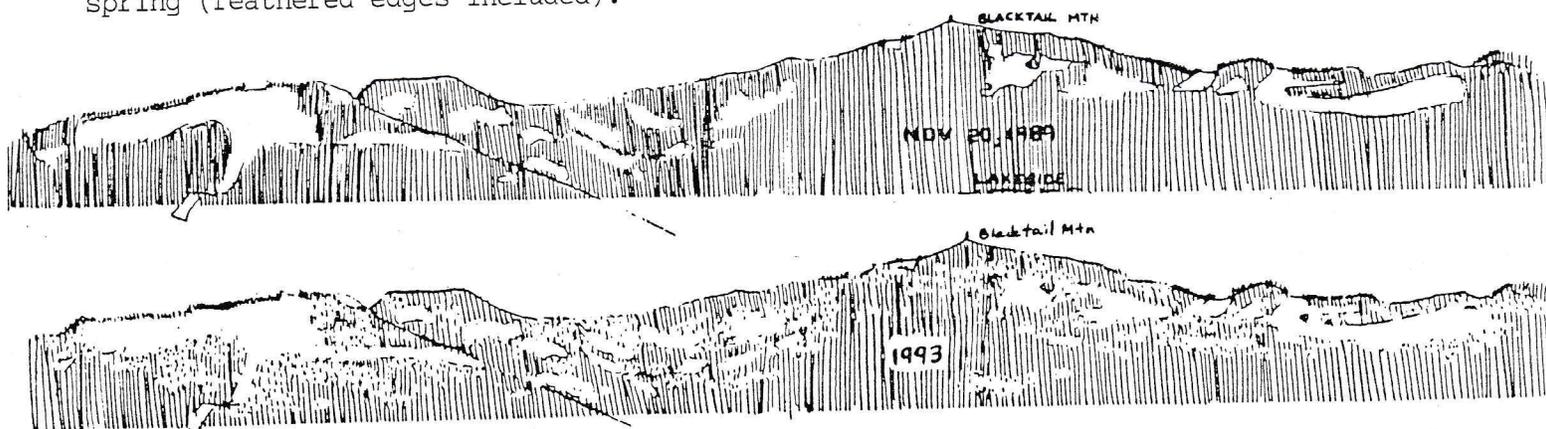
So mark your calendar and join us in a wonderfully enriching weekend. Advance registration is required and the cost will be about \$60 per person. To receive a registration form write Jack Kinkley at 930 East Reeder, Dillon, MT 59725.

## A Clearcut Decision

Even a first-hand experience isn't always understandable until after lengthy consideration. My second visit with the folks at the Swan District Ranger Station brought four very qualified people to the meeting table: Bill Pederson, District Ranger, who explained that the US Forest Service is not trying to maximize timber sale profits, but instead manage for a variety of resources; Earl Sutton, the district planner, who explained that some trade-offs are made during the forest planning process--if a certain percentage of forest is to be retained, then a certain percentage is to be maximized for timber production; Andy Vigil, the sale planner, who takes the cutting plan through all the regulatory hoops over a two year period before a tree is sold; and Barry Bollenbacher, the forester, who explained many forest cutting alternatives and gave reasons why clearcutting is used to take out beetle infested lodgepole pine.

After our long discussion, I am convinced that clearcutting is necessary in some instances. BUT... if the US Forest Service is not trying to maximize its profits like its clearcutting corporate counterpart, BN Timberlands, then why is clearcutting even considered for use on relatively healthy stands of ponderosa, Douglas fir, white pine, spruce, cedar etc. I say relatively healthy because most trees are diseased to some extent or have entered that long phase of dying and show dead tops. Foresters call these trees "decadent".

There was a pervasive attitude from all participants at my meeting that even if the US Forest Service did exhibit wanton disregard toward forests in the past, those days are over and the age of "nurturing" has arrived. So far, this kinder and gentler Forest Service has been only verbal. A cutting plan is beginning in a two year process to improve the looks of Blacktail Mountain with a series of selective cuts and small clearcuts. This will probably improve the looks of the smaller cuts, but as for the big ones... take a look at the "improved cuts" across from the town of Swan Lake. At the same time, another mostly clearcut timber sale will be sold on Blacktail this spring (feathered edges included).



One rather discouraging bit of information is that the Swan Valley is considered a visual sacrifice area by the US Forest Service because BN Timberlands has already made such a tremendous impact on visual and wildlife values through their extensive clearcutting. Perhaps Mr. Pederson did not mean it the way I perceived it, but it would seem that the keepers of public forests would have a greater, not lesser, responsibility to counteract this degradation by eliminating clearcutting from their Swan Valley units.

In answer to my plea that they manage forests the "right way", Pederson declared that to influence forest management we just have to keep commenting on the timber sales. Reacting to each proposal, versus basic Forest Service policy, is not the way to effect policy changes. However, I will continue to give my opinion, and so should you. Subscribe (free) to the Swan District newsletter. Contact the other district offices and they'll plug you into their public comment process. Without your input, changes for the better will come about very slowly.

# LOCAL RECYCLING OPTIONS

We have listed the Recycling Centers for the Flathead, Mission, and Kootenai Valleys. There may be other options - KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN! We have listed approximate prices - they fluctuate regularly. Some items are accepted only as donation - but don't let that stop you!

## TO PREPARE MATERIALS:

**CANS:** Take them in as you use them - no need to crush. (Pay .20 - .30 per lb.)

**NEWSPAPERS:** Bale with string or stack in brown paper grocery bags. (Donation or up to .25 per lb.)

**GLASS:** Wash and remove tops and metal and plastic banding. Labels can be left on. Sort according to color. (Donation or .05 to .02 per lb.)

## **COMPUTER PAPER/**

**LEDGER PAPER:** All papers except glossy. (Donation)

**CARDBOARD:** Take in as it is or flatten. (Donation)

**BATTERIES AND SCRAP METALS:** Call for prices and to see what they are accepting.

**PLASTICS:** No one is currently recycling plastics in our area - We will let you know when they start

**MAGAZINES:** No one will currently accept.

Some recyclers have accounts set up so proceeds go to local schools -check your local center and school to see if you can help them out.



**FLATHEAD VALLEY RECYCLERS**

**PACIFIC HIDE AND FUR**

Flathead Lane (Base of underpass hill on Hwy 2 East)

Kalispell Phone: 755-7011

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Saturday

CANS  
NEWSPAPER  
GLASS  
METALS  
CAR BATTERIES

**FLATHEAD INDUSTRIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED**

56 3RD Avenue West North

Kalispell Phone: 755-3280

8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Monday - Saturday

412 Nucleus Avenue

Columbia Falls Phone: 892-4849

8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Monday - Saturday

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**MISSION VALLEY RECYCLERS**

**FOLKSHOP**

221 Hwy 93 South

Ronan Phone: 673-5333

Also has satellite centers in

ST. Ignatius and Polson

CANS  
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**KOOTENAI VALLEY**

**LINCOLN COUNTY SHELTERED WORKSHOP**

Mineral Avenue

Libby

CANS  
NEWSPAPERS  
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## WOODS BAY, Fishing Access or Park...

...apparently it can't be both. The classification of Woods Bay State Park was changed to Fishing Access Site without any public input. And now the Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and Fish and Game Commissioner Greg Barkus of Kalispell would like to sell five acres of that public land.

With our growing tourist and summer population we need all the public land we have, but at this time the Parks Department doesn't believe they have enough money to maintain Woods Bay as a park.

A group that met with Al Elser of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, gave many suggestions for minimizing management problems--from fencing out motorcycles to using a Retired Senior Volunteer to collect fees and garbage. I hope it didn't fall on deaf ears.

A meeting on the Future of State Parks will be held in Polson on March 7, and in Kalispell on March 14 (Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 7:00 PM). There will also be a public meeting about Woods Bay State Park in late March or early April in Bigfork.

*Robin Magaddino*

## EARTH DAY, Off and Running

Fifty-eight adults and two children attended our initial Earth Day Steering Committee meeting on February 6. After introductions and an overview of plans for Earth Day, participants volunteered for various committees. These included the goals committee and the budget, exhibits, publicity and printing committees. We also formed a liaison committee to contact city and county officials and elected representatives. If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please call me.

It was exciting to have such a large, enthusiastic community response. By next month we should have a Calendar of Events so that the entire Flathead Valley can enjoy and participate in this celebration to protect and preserve our beautiful home and planet.

*Ferne Cohen*  
862-5711

## Water Quality, or Waste Water

The Libby area has survived many boom and bust periods in history, and once again we are being presented economic opportunities with the proposed world's largest silver/copper mine. This time, however, we are being asked to justify short-term economic gain for a significant change in the quality of area ground water. (see "*Conservation Comments*", *The Pileated Post*, February, 1990) Noranda Minerals Corporation has filed a petition to be allowed to exceed water quality standards, and the decision may effect water quality statewide.

No mining company has ever been granted an exemption from established water quality standards in Montana. If degradation is allowed, it will set a precedent for other mines to follow suit. Other alternatives need to be considered besides allowing mine waste water to seep into high quality streams.

Fortunately, we live in a society whereby public opinion is weighed with sufficient facts and/or (in Noranada's case, an ample lack of) scientific data before government agencies make decisions. The unsettling factor in this decision is a majority of the board members making the final decision have been appointed by Governor Stephens, who has a record of favoring mine development to the exclusion of sound environmental policies.

Noranda will not be allowed to set a precedent unless there is no opposition. Those concerned for the future of water quality in Montana may send their comments to:

**Abe Horpestad, Board of Health and Environmental Sciences, Cogswell Building, Helena, MT 59860.**

*Deborah Strohmyer*  
*Noranda Mine Committee*  
*Kootenai Wildlands Alliance*



## Looking Forward

I'm optimistic about the future of good conservation and care for our share of the earth here in Northwest Montana.

High on the list for my optimism is the splendid response of citizens, companies and public agencies to the call for action of EARTH DAY 1990. The variety of celebrations and caring activities from Missoula to Condon, Arlee, Polson and the Flathead is staggering.

Earthweek committees are planning recycling, art shows, college lectures, clean-ups, hikes, bikes rides, wetlands tours, raptor education, school programs galore, agency programs, and displays, concerts, festivals and much more. You name it and somewhere in Northwest Montana we've got it. One also gets the impression that the activity is not "flash in the pan" environmentalism, but represents a long term commitment of caring for the earth.

Also high on my list of reasons to be optimistic is the recent call to the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service from Forest Supervisors (including a strong statement from our own Region One) for a much greater commitment to protect the non-commercial values of our National Forests and to more fully observe ecological principles and ecosystem management. There has been little doubt in my mind that many in the Forest Service are committed to doing what is best for the land, but it is great to observe the forthright stand taken by the top land managers.

Finally, speaking of care for the earth and its creatures, don't forget to **check off for wildlife** on your Montana tax form. It's line 49. And if someone else prepares your taxes, let them know you wish to contribute. The state's non-game program depends on the tax time contributions of Montana citizens for much of its existence.

### WHY SHOULD YOU CHECK LINE 49

Deborah Richie  
Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Montana possesses some of the richest fish and wildlife resources in the country. Yet we have only begun to understand the complex relationships that keep those resources healthy.

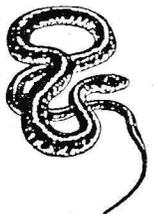
For example, red squirrels that cache white-bank pine cones are inadvertently providing grizzly bears with nutritious seeds to eat before hibernating. Researchers believe whitebank pine seeds may be a critical fall food source for grizzlies. Clark's nutcrackers too, depend on the high elevation white-bank pine for food, and serve as the major disperser of whitebank pine seeds. Applying

their chisel-like bills to open the fall cones, these intelligent birds pluck out the seeds and store them first in a throat pouch. After collecting as many as 100 seeds, the birds fly off to open ridges or burrs that will stay free of snow. There they bury the seeds in many different spots. They will return again and again through the winter to feast on their caches, an impressive feat of memory. Of course, those they forget may germinate, providing another generation of whitebank pine for the grizzlies.

It is through research of this type that Montana biologists are beginning to understand the complex relationships of our wildlife. The Nongame Checkoff on your tax form is how we fund some of these important research projects.

THE MONTANA AUDUBON COUNCIL will be updating the book Distribution of Montana Amphibians, Reptiles and Mammals. We originally published the book in 1982. If you are interested in this project or have any updated sightings from the 1982 publication, contact the Montana Audubon Council at P.O. Box 595, Helena Montana 59624, 443-3949. Contact us anytime for any ideas or suggestions.

Janet Ellis



# Bluebirds Across America

Susan Carlson

Few birds are as much loved as the bluebird, the symbol of spring, hope and happiness. Naturalist John Burroughs once wrote, "the bluebird bears the blue sky on its back, the red earth on its breast". Unfortunately, it also bears some serious burdens, burdens that threaten its existence.

Today's bluebirds suffer a severe nesting shortage. The bluebird relies on whatever suitable cavities are available. And the search for natural cavities grows more and more difficult. During the past half century, reliable nest sites such as old orchards have nearly disappeared from across the United States. Old wooden fence posts have given way to metal posts.

The scarcity of natural nesting cavities is compounded by new trouble. The agrarian habitat of open fields and orchards is rapidly being developed or ruined by indiscriminate use of pesticides. Bluebirds are primarily insect eaters, and many of them have died from eating contaminated insects. Also, bluebirds now find themselves in competition with the more aggressive starling and house sparrow, species introduced in the last half of the 19th century. Starlings destroy the nests and eggs, and sparrows win most of the battles for cavities owing to the bluebird's docile nature.

All three species of America's bluebirds, the eastern western and mountain, have declined since the 1930s. The species enjoyed so much in the eastern United States, the eastern bluebird, has declined an estimated ninety percent according to a National Audubon report. The most serious problem, the availability of natural cavities continues to deny it a return to strength.

## HELP FOR THE BLUEBIRD

Happily, there is something we can do. Anyone really interested in helping the bluebird should erect nesting houses--by far the most successful technique for increasing the bluebird population. But not just any house will do. It needs to be carefully designed and constructed so that the birds will use it, but predators cannot raid a nest of recently fledged young. The house also needs to be built without a perch. A perch attracts starlings which drive away the bluebirds.

For the many people who have neither the time nor the resources to build bird houses, the Audubon Society comes to the rescue. Bluebirds Across America, an Audubon project, offers one of the finest houses available. The easily assembled, durable cypress house is precisely tailored to the bluebird's needs. The box's design discourages starlings and sparrows. The 1.5 inch opening prevents the larger starling from entering, and the box's narrow floor discourages the sparrow. The useful lifespan of the houses is at least six to eight years.

The prefabricated cypress birdhouses are available through Bluebirds Across America, National Audubon Society, PO Box 123, Horatio, South Carolina 29062. A ready made house is \$13.00, or the kit comes complete with directions and hardware for \$12.00. Prices include shipping. An application for membership in the National Audubon Society is included with the house or kit. Please make checks payable to Bluebirds Across America.

## HOUSE LOCATIONS

Selecting a good location for the nest box is important. Locate bluebird houses in open areas featuring low ground cover and scattered trees. The tree-fringed expanses of golf courses provide ideal habitat for a bluebird trail---a well-placed series of houses at least 100 yards apart. Pastures, fields, large lawns and cemeteries also provide good locations. Hang the house at eye level away from shrubs. But do make sure a tree or bush is fairly close. Anticipate the day when the fledglings make their maiden flight. They will need a safe rest stop close by.

The opportunity to glimpse the brilliant blue flash of the bluebird is fast disappearing. Give a little back to nature. Build a bluebird trail, or simply put up a house or two. Help the species win its struggle for survival.



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