



# Critter Characteristics & Habitats: Bluebird

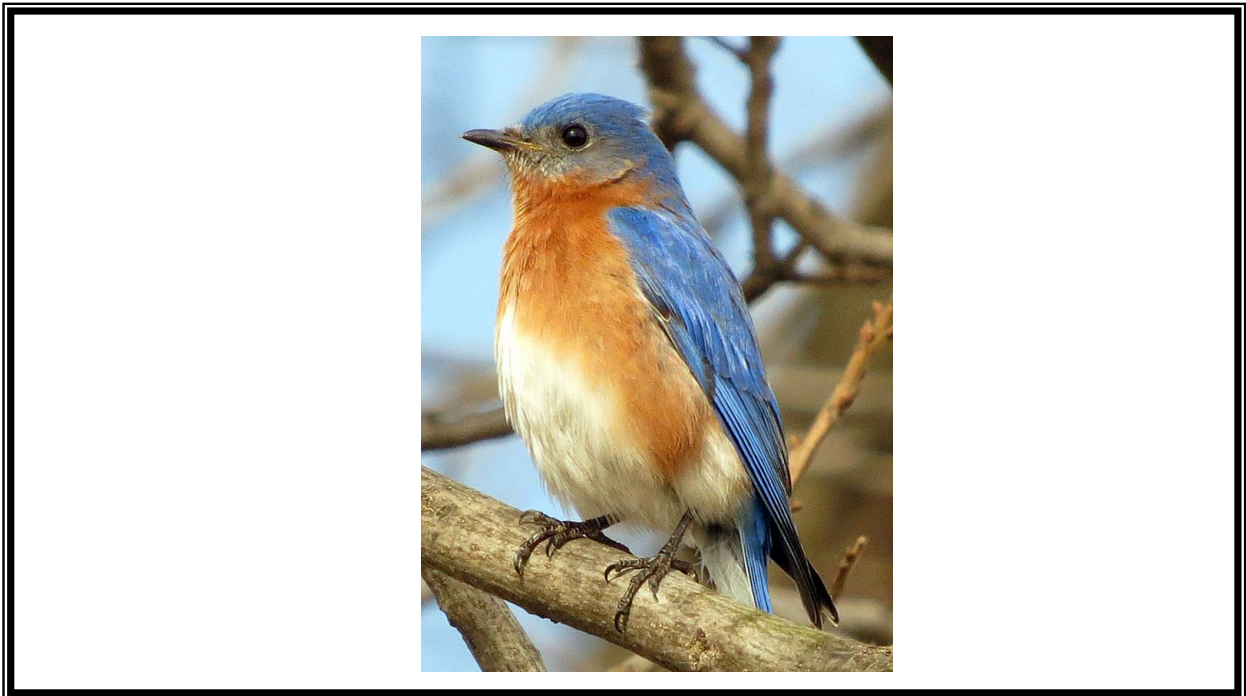
## Answer Sheet

Explore your outdoor classroom 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





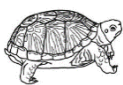



### 3. How many legs does it have? two

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 outdoor classroom? 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

