

# Bluebird Nesting Optimization Checklist



*The More YESes, The Better*

Criteria	Yes/ No
1-1/2" for eastern & western bluebirds or 1-9/16" for mountain bluebirds	
Appropriate nest box size used? 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" x 9" to 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" x 9"	
Are you located in a quiet rural or residential area?	
Are you using an appropriate bluebird box?	
Is your nest box in an open area with few trees	
Is your nest box at least 5 meters away from a tall tree?	
Do you have small shrubs or small trees at least 3 meters or closer from the nest box?	
Do you provide appropriate food and water sources?	
Is the food positioned further away from the nest box?	
Do you have a low population of competing cavity bird species in your yard?	
Do you actively manage competing bird species in your yard?	
Are you using a wooden nest box?	
Are you properly cleaning your nest boxes?	
Are you preventing wasps in your nest box?	

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Are you located in a busy, urban or commercial area?	
Are you located on a busy road? Or high traffic area?	
Is your nest box located in a tree-dense area or very close to a tree line?	
Do you have a lot of house sparrows in your area?	