

### ***Quick Tips: Things you can do for Bluebirds***

- Gardening:
  - Plant shrubs and trees that have berries - Some Bluebird favorites include Dogwood, Spicebush, Elderberry, Holly, Blueberry, Winterberry, Beautyberry.
  - Don't use pesticides – Bluebirds need the insects to eat as adults and to feed their young. Spiders, moths, caterpillars, and other insects are a real treat.
  - Leave snags (dead trees) standing – Woodpeckers will make holes in them and then secondary nesters like our bluebirds will use them both for nesting and roosting sites in winter.
  - Leave some brush piles – they make great cover in winter. A Christmas tree, done for the season is a welcome spot for birds to use as cover during a snow storm.
- Enhancing the habitat:
  - Build or buy a bluebird house and predator guards and then monitor it through the season.
  - Put mealworms out as food for bluebirds. They'll love it through the winter and during the spring and summer they'll feed them to their babies.
  - Set up a water feature – a birdbath or backyard pond is a welcome oasis in every season. Just like people, birds need water as much as they do food.