

Bluebird Facts

Bluebirds begin searching for suitable nesting sites in February, so houses should be in place by then. They begin nesting in early March and finish in mid- August, sometimes having 2 or 3 broods.

Bluebirds build grass nests inside a natural nesting cavity or bluebird box and generally it takes them one week to build the nest.

Eggs are laid one per day until they have between 3 – 5 blue eggs. Incubation doesn't begin until all eggs are laid.

Incubation takes between 16 – 18 days for eggs to hatch and another 16 – 18 days before the birds fledge (leave the nest).

Once the chicks have fledged, the nest should be cleaned out because the bluebirds build a new nest for each brood, and most probably the birds will nest again. Occasionally, the female begins building another nest in another box or cavity for a second brood before the first chicks have fledged.

After the chicks leave the nest, they will stay with their parents while they learn to hunt for food. Raising the chicks is a family affair and the first fledged brood of chicks will probably help the parents raise the second brood.

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