Bluebird
GSHH Council Patch

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Help Bring Back the Eastern Bluebird

A Troop Service Project

The Eastern Bluebird is the State Bird of New York, but most New Yorkers have never seen one. Because of loss of its natural habitat and loss of nesting cavities, the bluebird population declined by as much as 90%. Fortunately, bluebird enthusiasts reversed this trend by building and mounting thousands of bluebird nest boxes. Girl Scouts can join in this environmental success story.

How Girl Scouts can help the Bluebird & earn the Bluebird Patch

- ◻ Learn about the eastern bluebird and why it needs our help.
- ◻ Build bluebird birdhouses and donate them to an organization that will place them in good bluebird habitat.
- ◻ Older girls can design a Silver or Gold Award project that helps the eastern bluebird.

Where to get information about the Eastern Bluebird

- ◻ Contact Sandy Morrissey (contact info below). She has a PowerPoint presentation about the eastern bluebird that she can present to your troop or group. It is also available as a PDF for independent viewing.
- ◻ Eastern Bluebirds on the web:
  North American Bluebird Society: www.nabluebirdsociety.org
  Sialis: www.sialis.org
- ◻ Birdhouse plans available at www.nabluebirdsociety.org/eastwestbox.htm

Where to donate Eastern Bluebird houses

Contact Sandy Morrissey, 914-949-2531 or sandym@cloud9.net. She is a member of the Bronx River-Sound Shore Audubon Society. She can answer questions and arrange for your troop to help the eastern bluebird.

Note: there are many chapters of the Audubon Society. This project with GSHH is being organized by the Bronx River-Sound Shore Audubon Society.