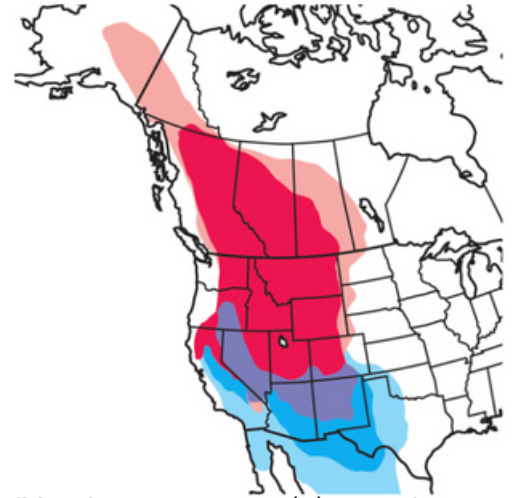


MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD



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FAMILY & NAME

Thrushes
Mountain Bluebird
Sialia currucoides

HABITAT

You can usually find the Mountain Bluebird in open terrain, but depending on the time of year, you can also find them in the mountains, prairies, woodlands, grasslands or farmlands along the Western coast.

NESTING

They prefer to nest in tree hollows, but may nest in cliffs or dirt banks when tree hollows are not available. Both the male and female help in making the nest and tending to the babies. Typically 2 broods per year of 4-8 pale blue (rarely white) eggs.

FOOD

They feed primarily on insects but also eat berries. They will often hover over an open field like a hawk or dart out and catch flying insects in the air.



SOCIAL

They often gather in large flocks during the winter. They have also been known to breed with Eastern Bluebirds where territory overlaps.