** Critter Characteristics & Habitats:**

**Eastern Bluebird**

*Caution – Be careful not to harm any wildlife or their habitats.*

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| Name:  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Explore your outdoor classroom and look for an Eastern bluebird.

Use the Alabama Wildlife Federation’s Wonders of Wildlife

Eastern Bluebird webpage to help you answer the questions below.

1. **Draw a picture of the animal.**

1. **What colors does it have?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 black blue brown gray green orange purple red yellow white

1. **How many legs does it have?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 zero two four six eight ten one hundred

1. **Estimate how long (or tall) it is: \_\_\_\_\_\_**feet **\_\_\_\_\_**inches

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| **5. Put a checkmark next to the feature(s) it has.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| * Fur
 | * Feathers
 | * Thin Wings
 | * Hard Covering
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| * Hard Shell
 | * lizard clipartScales
 | * Smooth Skin
 | * Bristles
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**6. What type of animal is it?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| * bird
 | * reptile
 | * amphibian
 | * mammal
 | * insect
 | * http://static.abcteach.com/content_preview/e/earthworm_p.pngother invertebrate
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**7. What type of “babies” does it have?**

* Live baby (not in egg) that looks similar to parent *(typically a mammal)*
* Hard-shelled eggs with babies that look similar to parent *(typically a bird or reptile)*
* “Soft” tiny eggs in water with larvae that change (morph) into adult *(amphibian or insect)*
* “Soft” tiny eggs on plants or in soil with larvae that change (morph) into adult *(insect)*

**8. What is the Latin name of this animal?**

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**9. Where does this animal typically live?** *(you can choose more than one)*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| * grassland
 | * tundra
 | * desert
 | * woodland
 | * meadow
 | * wetland
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| * creek
 | * pond/lake
 | * river
 | * ocean
 | * other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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**10. Where did you find it in the outdoor classroom?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| * in the grass
 | * on the ground
 | * in the soil
 | * in a tree or bush
 | * in water

or a pond | * on a flower
 | * in nesting box
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**11. Describe its habitat needs including the specific food, water, shelter and places to raise its young it needs to survive:**

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