



This blue gem of a bird comes to the eastern United States from Central America and Cuba. It is the only small bird that is almost all blue. Indigo means blue—a deep blue. However, the female and young Indigos are brownish.

A close relative of the Indigo is the Lazuli Bunting of the West, found also in Central America and Cuba. The Lazuli is of a lighter blue in color and has a brown breast and white bars on the wings. The songs of both these Buntings are alike. Both the Indigo and Lazuli Buntings feed on caterpillars, grasshoppers, and beetles. They also eat grain, seeds, and berries. The Indigos make a small nest of bark, grass, and rootlets in the crotch of a shrub or small tree. The female lays three or four bluish-white eggs.