



Mountain bluebirds live in the mountains in the summertime and migrate south to Mexico for the winter. They prefer open meadows where they can catch countless insects. The male is sky blue in color with a paler blue chest and white belly. The female is brownish-gray all over with a whitish belly. Mountain bluebirds nest in tree cavities, buildings, and in nest boxes.

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Red-winged blackbirds are common residents of marshes and wetlands where they nest in thick vegetation and feed on a variety of insects. The males are glossy black with red wing patches, which are brightly displayed during the breeding season. The females are brownish on the back with dark streaks across the front, providing camouflage when they are sitting on their nests.

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Wyoming's state bird is the **western meadowlark**. Meadowlarks are distinguished by their bright yellow chests with a large black V. Their melodious song is easily recognized and can be heard throughout the prairie. Meadowlarks perch on fences, posts, and sagebrush and any other tall object in the prairie to sing and try to attract a mate.

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