Indigo Bunting
Passerina cyanea

About this Bird

Male Indigo Buntings are entirely bright blue when breeding but during the winter the blue is mixed with brown. The female is cinnamon brown with a finely streaked breast. Indigo Buntings have short, thick bills for eating seeds and berries, but they also eat insects and spiders. Most migrate in flocks from their breeding grounds in the US and Canada to Central America and the northern Caribbean. They migrate at night, using the position of the stars to find their way. These shy birds can be found in rice fields, grassy areas, woodlands, and dry scrub. They will readily come to seed feeders in your yard.

Bird Size 12.5 cm, 5 in.

Where this Bird Can Be Found