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NESTLING DIETS OF WESTERN AND MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRDS IN CENTRAL OREGON. CHARLOTTE C. CORKRAN, *Northwest Ecological Research Institute, 130 NW 114th Avenue, Portland, OR 97229.*

As part of a long-term study of western bluebirds (*Sialia mexicana*) and mountain bluebirds (*S. currucoides*) in juniper (*Juniperus occidentalis*) steppe habitats of central Oregon, the composition of the diet of nestlings was examined. Using 10X binoculars and patience, observations were made at nest boxes to identify (to order or family) food items brought to nestlings by their parents. The order Orthoptera predominated, but ten orders of insects were represented, as well as undifferentiated arachnids and berries. The composition varied significantly by season, and less consistently by year, location, and individual birds. Bluebirds were observed to use several foraging strategies, and were opportunistic in response to local abundance. None of these foraging techniques was productive in cold, rainy conditions, probably contributing to nest failures during inclement weather.