

THE INDIGO BUNTING.



APPEARANCE : *Length*—five and a half to six inches, smaller than the English sparrow. *Colour*—male, rich blue, with green tints, deepest colour on head; wings, tail and lower back with a brownish wash more noticeable in the autumn plumage. Wing and tail quills deep blue, margined with light. Female, brown above yellowish on breast, shading to white underneath, indistinctly streaked. Wings and tail feathers darkest, sometimes with a slight tinge of blue on outer feathers and on shoulders.

RANGE : North America from Hudson Bay to Panama—most common in the east. Winters in Central America and Mexico.