

The Painted Bunting

The male Painted Bunting is often described as the most beautiful bird in North America. It has a bright blue head, green back, and red rump and chest. The bright colors of the male develop in the second year of life. Before then, they have the colorings of females. The plumage of the female is green and yellow-green. Even though they are brightly colored, they can be hard to spot since they prefer to stay low, under the cover of vegetation.

