

Bluebird Tattoos

Bluebirds are admirable birds with royal blue feathers and striking orange breasts. Their brilliant blue bodies are often compared to the similarly colored skies they fly through. Bluebirds have long been seen as representations of cheerfulness, prosperity, health and home, fortune, births, the renewal of spring, and nautical symbols of luck—all reasons why many choose bluebird tattoos as their choice for body art.

Bluebird Tattoos in Relation to Legends and Fairytales

There are many different views associated with bluebirds and bluebird tattoos. In Korea, legend states that bluebirds hover around humans to inform the gods of events happening on Earth: the old saying, "a little bird told me," could very well be derived from this legend. Those interested in Native American art may choose bluebird tattoos to represent "Bluebird," the son of the Sun in ancient Native American Cochiti tribes.

Those who enjoy literary fairytales may choose bluebird tattoos to represent literary works of art such as *The Blue Bird*, a European tale written by Madame d'Aulnoy featuring a bluebird that later launched interest in recording accounts of bluebird symbolisms and myths for the first time. As the story goes, King Charming undergoes a metamorphosis and transforms into bluebird. He is the love interest of young princess Fiordelisa who is followed, and helped, by a bluebird. On the other hand, those with a passion for Russian literature may choose bluebird tattoos to represent hope—a common symbolism for bluebirds in Russian fairy tales.

Additional Meanings of Bluebird Tattoos

Bluebirds, as symbols, also hold many different beliefs. The Valentine myth views the bluebird as a representation of happy love. In magical symbolism, they are seen as both depictions of confidence and as having big egos. A dead bluebird is often viewed as a bad omen as it can mean a loss of innocence, the transfiguration from young and naive to old and wise, or as an indication of disillusionment.

Celebrities with Bluebird Tattoos

SIENNA MILLER/Actress: Has a bluebird tattoo on the inside of her left wrist

MIKE McCREADY/Musician: Has a bluebird tattoo on his right arm

