In the family Cardinalidae, the blue grosbeak is a distant relative to the superbly singing rose-breasted and black-headed grosbeaks in the genus *Pheucticus*, but a close relative of the indigo, lazuli, and painted buntings in the genus *Passerina*. What’s your impression of this bird? How does its singing compare to that of the buntings? Can you detect any pattern in how this Texas male is singing?

♫695. I set the microphone down by this male’s singing tree and came back hours later to discover that he had in fact obliged. At 19:20 the recording fades out and then back in, denoting a silence from this bird of about 50 minutes. Can you detect any pattern in how this Texas male is singing? April 22, 2013. Kerr Wildlife Management Area, Hunt, Texas. (23:56)

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