



Blues Scale

The Blues Scale is a music scale with 6 distinct notes to the octave. Play each scale mode ascending and descending using [alternate picking](#) at a speed at which you can do the entire pattern cleanly.

Here are the 6 modes or patterns:

Play each note from left to right from the 6th string to the 1st and then back up.

Blues Scale - Mode 1	Blues Scale - Mode 2	Blues Scale - Mode 3
5 8	8 10 11	10 11 12
5 8	8 10	10 13
5 7 8	7 8 9	9 12
5 7	7 10	10 12 13
5 6 7	7 10	10 12
5 8	8 10 11	10 11 12

Blues Scale - Mode 4	Blues Scale - Mode 5	Blues Scale - Mode 6
11 12 15	12 15	15 17
13 15	12 13 15 16	15 16 17
12 14	12 14	14 17
12 13 14	12 13 14	13 14 17
12 15	12 15	15 17
11 12 15	12 15	15 17

Play each note one at a time from left to right from the 6th string to the 1st and then back up. Play each scale pattern ascending and descending using [alternate picking](#) at a speed at which you can do the entire pattern comfortably and clean.

A cool tool you can use to keep your tempo while practicing the different patterns is the [Metronome](#). Experiment at low speeds until you can play the modes cleanly, then increase the speed.