



It's Nesting Season!

Birds are now busy building their nests.
Help them find what they need!



1. Go on an outdoor scavenger hunt to find these natural materials. Birds build nests of both sturdy materials for the outer nest and soft materials for the inside of their nest where their babies will grow.

- Dead twigs - break into 1-3 inch pieces
- Dead leaves & dry grasses
- Plant fluff such as cat tails
- Moss – break into 1-inch pieces
- Tree bark strips - tear into 1-3 inch pieces
- Pet hair



These are not good for birds or wildlife ---- Please leave them out of your nest-making gatherings:

- NO plastic strips, bags or wrapping – recycle instead!
- NO tinsel
- NO aluminum foil
- NO dryer lint – it looks fluffy but it won't hold up
- NO yarn, string or fishing line – birds can get tangled
- NO human hair – it also tangles up birds

2. Gather your materials together and leave in safe and easy places for birds to find. Tuck your materials into sheltered areas so nest-builders will be safe from predators such as hungry hawks or curious cats.

- Little piles on top of fences, rocks, flowerpots or outdoor furniture
- Poked into tree crevices and branch crotches
- Stuff a clean wire suet box or mesh bag and hang it on a branch, tree trunk, fence or post
- Place in open-topped berry baskets; set these on rocks, outdoor furniture, fences
- Drape pieces over shrubs and hang from tree limbs

3. Watch to see what the birds take! Birds build their nests in private places, so you may not see the nests. But soon you will hear the birds and see them flying around!

