



Nesting Behavior Chart

Species	Breeding Period (Dates vary by region)	Nesting Materials	Eggs	Incubation Period	Broods	Fledge
Bewick's Wren	March-July	Twigs, grass, lined with feathers	5-7 white with brown flecks	14 days	1-2	14-16 days
Carolina Wren	March-July	Twigs, dry grass	4-5 white to creamy	14 days	2-3	12-14 days
House Wren	April-July	Twigs, grass	6-8 white marked with brown	14 days	2	12-18 days
Winter Wren	March-June	Twigs, moss, lined with feathers	5-7 white with brown	14-16 days	1-2	15-17 days
Eastern Bluebird	March-July	Grasses, pine needles, weeds, lining of fine grass	4-5 clear blue	12-15 days	2-3	15-18 days
Mountain Bluebird	April-July	Loose cup of grass, weed stems, pine needles	5-6 pale blue to bluish white	13-14 days	2-3	18-21 days
Western Bluebird	April-August	Loose cup of grass, weed stems, twigs or feathers	4-6 pale blue to bluish white	13-14 days	2	19-22 days
Robin	April-July	Grass and mud, lined with fine grasses	3-5 pastel blue	11-14 days	2-3	14-16 days
Black-capped Chickadee	April-July	Wood chips, moss, hair, feathers, downy fibers	6-8 white with brown speckles	12-13 days	1	16 days
Carolina Chickadee	February-July	Wood chips, moss, hair, feathers	6 white with brown speckles	11-14 days	1	17 days
Mountain Chickadee	April-July	Moss, fur, feathers, shredded bark	5-7 white	14 days	1-2	21 days
American Goldfinch	June-September	Woven plant fibers tightly lined with thistle or milkweed down	5 very pale blue	12-14 days	1	11-17 days
Lesser Goldfinch	March-June	Fine plant fibers lined with plant down.	4-5 pale blue	12 days	2	11 days
House Finch	March-July	Twigs, rootlets, grass and other debris	4-5 white to pale buff	12-14 days	2	14-16 days
Downy Woodpecker	April-July	Wood chips	4-5 white to pale buff	12 days	1-2	20-22 days
Hairy Woodpecker	February-April	Wood chips	4 white	11-15 days	1	28-30 days
Lewis' Woodpecker	April-July	Wood chips	6-7 white	12-14 days	1	31 days
Red-bellied Woodpecker	April-August	Wood chips	4-5 white	12-13 days	2-3	26 days

Northern Flicker	March-July	Wood chips	7-9 white	11-13 days	1	25-28 days
Screech Owl (Eastern)	February-July	Wood chips	3-5 white	29-31 days	1	28 days
Screech Owl (Western)	March-June	Wood chips	3-5 white	26-30 days	1	28 days
Tree Swallow	April-July	Grass lined w/ feathers	4-6 white	14-15 days	1	18-22 days
Violet-green Swallow	May-August	Grass lined w/ feathers	4-5 white	13-15 days	1	23-25 days
Ground Dove	February-November	Loose twigs, grass	2 white	12-14 days	2-4	11-14 days
Mourning Dove	February-September	Twigs, grass, weeds	2 white	14 days	2-5	12-15 days
Pigeon (Rock Dove)	February-December	Stems, leaves	2 white	17-19 days	4-5	25-32 days
Juniper & Oak Titmice	March-July	Moss, grass, feathers, fur	6-7 white	14-16 days	1	17 days
Tufted Titmouse	March-July	Grasses	5-6 white with brown speckles	12-14 days	2	15-18 days
Red-breasted Nuthatch	April-July	Bark, grass	5-6 white/pinkish marked with reddish-brown	12 days	1	18-21 days
White-breasted Nuthatch	March-July	Bark, roots, grass, shredded bark	5-8 white with brown speckles	12-14 days	1	14-16 days
Purple Martin	March-June	Grass, leaves, mud	2-7 white	15 days	1-2	26-32 days
Wood Duck	March-July	Wood chips	9-13 creamy white	28-32 days	1	56-70 days
Starling	April-July	Grass, twigs	5-7 pale blue	12-15 days	1-2	20-22 days
Blue Jay	March-July	Twigs, moss, dry grass, dry mud, leaves	4-5 olive to dull blue	16-18 days	1	17-21 days
Cardinal	March-August	Weed stems, twigs, paper, bark, grasses, leaves, rootlets	3-4 gray-buff with brown speckles	11-13 days	3-4	9-11 days
Mockingbird	February-September	Twigs, grass	3-5 blue-green with brown	11-14 days	2-3	12-14 days
Great-crested Flycatcher	March-July	Chips, twigs, feathers, snake skins	4-5 creamy white	13-15 days	1	15 days
House Sparrow	March-July	Grass, hairs, feathers	3-5 bluish with brown and gray	11-14 days	2-3	15 days
American Kestrel	March-April	Wood chips	4-5 white to pinkish-white	29-30 days	1-2	30 days
Killdeer	March-June	On ground	4 buff with brown	24-26 days	1-2	20-39 days
Prothonotary Warbler	April-July	Moss, leaves, bark	4-6 creamy with brown	12-14 days	1-2	10-11 days