



Bluebird Nest

Nest begins with wisps of dry grasses/weeds progresses to a ring around sides of floor, gradually built inward and up until no bare wood shows. There will be a shallow cup near one of the back corners.

Swallow nests similar until the nest is lined & covered with fluffy feathers.



March Nest

Example of a March nest: grasses are coarser than the new midsummer grass
is it a swallow
or a bluebird nest?
= Bluebird!



Bluebird Nest

... there's a cup with the first blue egg laid (& no fluffy feathers)



Too Tall Bluebird Nest

Bluebirds sometimes don't know when to stop. Shorten these nests by removing layers from the bottom
Leave no more than 3-3 1/2 inches material.
NOTE. If female is on nest, don't attempt. Act early to reduce height if you catch it before laying begins.



Swallow Nest

Initially very similar to bluebird nest. If lots of fluffy feathers appear, it's a swallow nest.



House Sparrow Nest

This sparrow is actually a weaver finch. Nests grasses with various trash items, & often occupy the entire inside of the box in a domed structure with an opening in the front of the nest.



Chickadee Nest

Typically starts as a short, dense pad of moss, and may get quite tall. Eggs tiny and often planted in the moss. Jury may be out as to whether a rodent has barged in & built its nest on top of the upper moss layers.
Note wood chips.



Rodent Nest

May have many different materials, though an all grass nest is uncommon.
Animals may jump out at you when you open the box.



Wren Nest

Male wrens build multiple nests in an attempt to engage a female. The material is entirely sticks, some quite coarse, and filling the box.



Whodunnit???

Rodents and cavity nesting birds with strong beaks (woodpeckers, starlings) can enlarge the 1.5 inch bluebird sized opening so that they can use the box.

Add hole enhancer to reclaim box for bluebirds.