

Helping Birds During Nesting Season

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Cavity Nesting Birds of Western Washington:

- Black-Capped Chickadee
- Chestnut-Backed Chickadee
- Red-Breasted Nuthatch
- Bewick's Wren
- Downy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Violet-Green Swallow
- Tree Swallow
- Western Screech Owl

Cup Nesting Birds of Western Washington:

- American Robin
- Stellar's Jay
- House Finch
- Pine Siskin
- Anna's Hummingbird
- Rufous Hummingbird
- American Goldfinch

Ground Nesting Birds of Western Washington:

- Dark-Eyed Junco
- Spotted Towhee
- White-Crowned Sparrow
- Gold-Crowned Sparrow
- California Quail

Nesting Basics

- Attract birds to Nesting Boxes by choosing the *correct depth and width* for each species.
- The *diameter of the entrance* must be just right—large enough for a specific species, but not so large as to let in aggressive, non-native species.
- The entry hole can be protected by a variety of *predator guards* to keep nestlings safe.
- *Proper placement* is important:
 - Do not place a Bird House near Bird Feeders
 - Nesting birds prefer a quiet setting with less activity
 - Some bird houses can be mounted on the side of a tree or hung from a branch
 - Others do best mounted on a pole
 - Another safe spot is mounted on the side of your house, up under the eaves
- For ground nesting birds, always be mindful when doing yard work, so as not to disturb their hidden springtime nest, full of eggs or hatchlings
- Cup nesting birds need plenty of habitat, from low-growing shrubs on up to tall trees



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