

Backyard nest building



Lend a helping twig!

As spring approaches, many species of birds will be looking to build new nests or do repairs to last year's structure. You can help them out by gathering items and leaving them in bird-friendly bundles.

ITEMS TO GATHER AND LEAVE OUT

- Twigs or sticks
- Dead leaves
- Grass clippings or dead grass
- Clumps of animal fur
- Feathers
- Moss or lichen
- Pine needles
- Mud
- Pebbles or small rocks
- Spider web silk
- Straw or other plant stems
- Shredded paper

Loosely fill a small mesh bag or basket with suitable items and hang it in a visible location. Make sure the mesh is wide enough for birds to easily pull items out.

Make small piles of materials and keep them tucked away from rain and strong winds.

Hang items over trees or shrubs where birds can pick up what they like.