

Bird Nest Material Bag

As temperatures get warmer and spring arrives, birds begin to look for all kinds of materials for their nests. You can attract birds to your area by providing what they are looking for.

Location: Anywhere

Materials: Mesh produce bag, found natural materials

Duration: 10-15 minutes

Age Range: All ages

Activity: Make a nest material bag by filling a mesh produce bag with natural materials.

1. Collect necessary materials
2. Fill the mesh bag with natural materials
3. If needed, tie the top of the bag closed and add small cuts in the bag for easier access
4. Hang the bag in a tree, on a fence, on a railing, etc. where birds can access the materials
5. Periodically check on your materials bag to either refill it or remove it

Here is a list of materials to provide and what to avoid:

| Provide | Avoid |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dead twigs • Dead leaves • Dry grass (make sure the grass has not been treated with pesticides) • Feathers • Plant fluff or down (e.g. milkweed, cattail fluff) • Moss • Bark strips • Pine needles • Mud/soil (on the ground) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plastic strips • tinsel • cellophane • aluminum foil • dryer lint • string • human and pet hair |



For Teachers: See below for links to the Ontario curriculum

| Grade | Topic |
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| Grade 1 | Needs and characteristics of living things Materials, objects, and everyday structures |
| Grade 2 | Growth and changes in animals |