



**WHOSE
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BEST?**

PRE-SHOW RESOURCE



WHOSE NEST — IS THE BEST? —

This resource provides activity suggestions to help you guide classroom discussions about the diversity of bird nests and how nests keep bird eggs safe.

In this resource pack, you will find:

- 1. Bird nest facts**
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- BIRD NEST FACTS -



Birds build nests to keep their eggs and hatchlings **warm, dry and safe.**

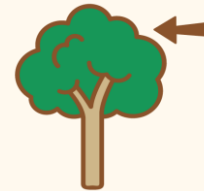
They use items that they find in their habitats to create their nests and carefully select nest locations to keep them away from predators or the damp.



Forest



Birds may use twigs and branches to build a stable nest structure and soften the interior with leaves.



Many birds build nests in tall trees to keep their eggs and hatchlings away from ground predators.



Dry grasslands



Birds weave grass stalks together to form nests. Thicker stalks make the nest strong. Lining the insides with soft grass makes it cosy.



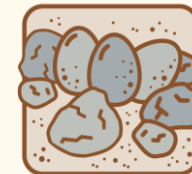
Building nests on thorny bushes and trees deters predators.



Coast



By the ocean, some birds use dried seaweed to make their nests.



Other birds may use pebbles to form their nests. They may lay speckled eggs that camouflage well among the pebbles.



Do you know? Birds like the Asian koel and king penguin do not build nests. Find out how they keep their eggs safe.

- NEST BUILDERS -



Activity 1

Get your students to imagine that they are birds ready to build a nest in a green space near your school. As a class, discuss how you would design and build a nest to keep your eggs **warm, dry and safe**. Use these prompting questions to facilitate the activity:

- 1. Visit a green space around your school:** Observe the environment.
 - What items do you see around you that can be used to build a nest?
 - Can you spot any birds or nests?
 - If you were a bird, where in this space would you build your nest? Why?
 - What danger might the eggs and chicks face here?
- 2. Design your nest:** Discuss how your nest will keep your eggs warm, dry and safe.
 - What shape would your nest be?
 - How will your nest stay in place?
 - What natural materials will make it strong? What will make it cosy?
- 3. Build your nest:** Gather materials and create your nest!

Placing the nest high on the tree will keep it safe.

Twigs will make the nest strong!

We can add dried leaves to make it cosy.





- VOTING PADDLE CRAFT -



Activity 2

Craft handmade voting paddles to facilitate interactivity during the upcoming Virtual Show! As the children explore different types of nests during the Show, they will use their voting paddle to indicate which nest they think is best.

Materials to prepare:

1. Cardboard
2. Colouring materials
3. Materials to decorate

1. Cut a paddle from cardboard.

2. Write 'Yes' on one side and 'No' on the other.

3. Colour or decorate them.

4. Children will hold up the paddle during the Virtual Show to express their answers.

