

W3.1 LET'S BUILD... A NEST! (OPTIONAL)

Bird nest functions and characteristics

<p>FUNCTIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protection – keeping eggs safe also with carefully chosen site • raising offspring • provide strength – resist damage from strong wind/rain • communication – provide information for mate selection • regulate (control) temperature • protect from living threats – prevent microbes, parasites • regulate air flow/ventilation • prevent detection (camouflage) • breakdown after use (biodegradable)
<p>MATERIALS – STRUCTURAL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • branches/twigs • stones/gravel • mud • tree trunk (cavity-nest) • soil • sedge/reeds/grass • water • man-made materials
<p>MATERIALS – LINING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • feathers • grass • leaves • hair/fur • wood chips • man-made materials (e.g. cotton)
<p>ARRANGEMENT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • solitary • community
<p>CONSTRUCTION METHODS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • weaving • twisting • carving • digging (into soil)