

# Nest Guide to Cavity Nesters

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## Eastern Bluebird

Fine or coarse grasses, pine needles, lined with fine grasses.



## Tree Swallow

Similar to bluebirds, coarser grasses & straw, lined with feathers when eggs are laid.



## Black-capped Chickadee

Moss, fine grass, lined with animal hair.



## House Wren

Sticks and twigs jammed in tight. Lined with a small amount of fine grass and hair. Often builds dummy nest with a few sticks but without lined cup.



## House Sparrow

grass, straw, feathers, paper, plastic, etc. and they usually swirl the grass upward to fill the box, then tunnel down in. Sometimes when a nest is first started it may be hard to tell what species is nesting. Wait a day or two to see how the nest develops. Feathers and wrappers early on with some grass pieces are definite signs of House Sparrows.



Above: Peterson box filled with straw, grass, and garbage indicate a House Sparrow nest.

Middle: Eggs-white or grey with brown specs

Left: Beginning nest. Similar to bluebird and tree swallow but note chicken feathers and debris = signs of a House Sparrow nest.

# Species Identification of cavity nesters

Male & female Eastern Bluebird



Female & male Tree Swallow.



Black-capped Chickadee, sexes similar.

House Wren, sexes similar.

