

## NESTING CYCLE GUIDE

The Nesting Cycle Guide provides a helpful chronology of different nesting stages to help you with your nest monitoring. It includes only the Neighborhood Nestwatch focal species but the program will accept data on any bird species.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Migratory Status*</b>	<b>Nest Location</b>	<b>Nest Type</b>	<b>Nest Building Roles</b>	<b>Number of Eggs</b>	<b>Incubation Period (attendant)</b>	<b>Days to Fledging# (Attendant)</b>
<b>Northern Cardinal</b>	Resident	Trees or shrubs 1-40 feet	Cup	F mostly	1-5 color varied, marked	11-13 days (F mostly)	7-13 days (M and F)
<b>Northern Mockingbird</b>	Resident	Shrubs 3-10 feet	Cup	M and F	2-6 blue-green and red-spotted	12-13 days (F mostly)	10-15 days (M and F)
<b>Carolina Chickadee</b>	Resident	Deciduous or dead tree 5-15 feet	Natural or artificial cavity	M and F	3-10 white with fine dots	12-15 days (M and F)	16-19 days (M and F)
<b>Black-capped Chickadee</b>	Resident	Deciduous or dead tree 4-8 feet	Natural or artificial cavity	M and F	1-13 white with reddish-brown spots	12-13 days (M and F)	12-16 days (M and F)
<b>Carolina Wren</b>	Resident	Natural hole, dead tree, human structures 0-10 feet	Loose cup	M and F	3-7 white, creamy, pinkish with fine brown spots	12-14 days (F)	10-16 days (M and F)
<b>House Wren</b>	Migratory	Nestbox or natural cavity 0-20 feet	Natural or artificial cavity	M and F	3-10 white, pink, gray with red marks	9-16 days (M and F)	15-18 days (M and F)
<b>Song Sparrow</b>	Resident or migratory*	Ground or shrubs 0-13 feet	Cup	F	1-6 blueish-gray and red-spotted	12-15 days (F)	8-12 days (M and F)
<b>Gray Catbird</b>	Migratory	Shrubs	Cup	F mostly	1-6 blue-green, occ.	12-14 days	8-12 days

		2-10 feet			with red spots	(F)	(M and F)
<b>American Robin</b>	Resident or migratory*	Deciduous or coniferous tree 3-20 feet	Cup	F mostly	3-5 pale blue, unmarked	12-14 days (F)	9-16 days (F mostly)
<b>Tufted Titmouse</b>	Resident	Deciduous, coniferous or dead tree 3-90 feet	Tree cavity	M and F	3-9 white, maybe faintly marked with red	12-14 days (F)	15-18 days (M and F)
<b>Brown Thrasher</b>	Resident or Migratory*	Ground or small tree, vines 0-2 feet	Cup	M and F	2-6 pale bluish-white with red marks	10-14 days (M and F)	9-13 days (M and F)
<b>Eastern Phoebe</b>	Migratory	Human structures, 1-15 feet	Cup	F	2-6 white, mostly unmarked	14-16 days (F)	16-18 days (M and F)

\* Migratory status depends on region

# Depends on region, nest predation pressure and timing of nest attempt within breeding season (days to fledging decrease the later a nest is attempted).

F Female

M Male