



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS
LAND TRUST

MAKE YOUR OWN BIRD NEST BALLS!



WHAT IS IT?

A **Bird Nest Ball** is filled with natural materials that birds can use to make their nests.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

When neighborhoods are built, bird habitat is lost. Providing nesting material is an important part of making a bird-friendly yard.

WE NEED BIRDS!

- Just like bees and butterflies, over 900 species of birds are pollinators
- Insect-eating birds protect our trees and flowers
- Birds distribute seeds far and wide
- Birdwatching is a popular outdoor hobby, both in the backyard and in nature





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BIRD NEST BALL INFO SHEET

You may need to refill your bird nest ball as birds use the material to build their nests. **When replacing materials remember:**

DO Use:

- ✓ Any Natural Materials
- ✓ Pet Hair
- ✓ Feathers
- ✓ 100% Cotton String/Yarn
- ✓ Moss
- ✓ Lichen
- ✓ Natural Sisal
- ✓ Small twigs
- ✓ Pieces of Grapevine
- ✓ Grass clippings or dead grass
- ✓ Cattails

DO NOT Use:

- ✗ Synthetic String
- ✗ Plastic!!!
- ✗ Dryer Lint
- ✗ Any non-natural fibers
- ✗ Large/heavy items
- ✗ Bark

Timing and Storage

- Store filled nest balls in a cool, dry place
- Birds usually begin nesting starting in early Spring
- Nest balls can be reused

Where can I place my nest ball?

- Hang it on a limb
- Put it in a bush or shrub
- Hang it on your porch or on a wreath

Note: Be mindful that larger birds might need a place to land while using the ball.

Want to make more?

- For this bird nest ball, we wrapped about 3.5 feet of 18-gauge craft wire around a racquet ball.
- You can also use....
 - An onion bag
 - Grapevine ball
 - Suet Feeder
- Stuffing material in a bush or tree is also helpful
- Make sure that the openings are large enough for birds to access the materials inside

