

# Bald Eagle

**Length**

28–37.8 in  
about 3 ft

**Wingspan**

80.3 in  
About 6 1/2 ft



# **Build the Best Nest 1**

Bird Nest Sizes

A Bald Eagle Nest is 5-6' diameter



## **Build the Best Nest 2**

Large eagle nest made from large sticks at top of tree with two juvenile birds.

A Bald Eagle Nest is 5-6' diameter.

# Northern Cardinal

**Length**

8.3–9.1 in

**Wingspan**

9.8–12.2 in

Up to 1 ft



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## **Build the Best Nest 3**

Bird Nest Sizes

A Northern Cardinal Nest is 4" diameter.



## **Build the Best Nest 4**

Cardinal nest made from twigs and dried grasses

A Northern Cardinal Nest is 4" diameter.

# Ruby-throated Hummingbird

**Length**  
2.8–3.5 in

**Wingspan**  
3.1–4.3 in



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## **Build the Best Nest 5**

Bird Nest Sizes

A Ruby-throated Hummingbird Nest is 2" diameter.



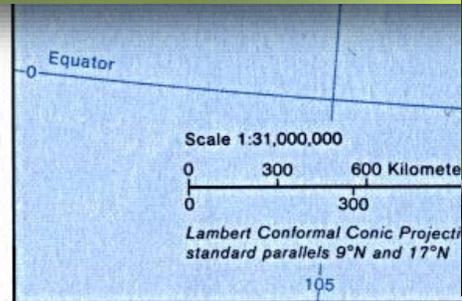
Actual Size

## **Build the Best Nest 6**

Hummingbird nests are made from plant fibers and spider silk.

A Ruby-throated Hummingbird nest is 2" diameter.

Middle America



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## **Build the Best Nest 7**

Many birds that nest in Maryland migrate in the winter.  
They can take overland routes or fly directly across the Gulf.



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## **Build the Best Nest 8**

Migrant Bird: Baltimore Oriole

Orioles breed in Maryland but spend their winters mostly in Central America from Mexico to Columbia.



## **Build the Best Nest 9**

Migrant Bird: Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Ruby-throated Hummingbirds breed in Maryland but spend their winters in Central America, including the Yucatan, Mexico.



## **Build the Best Nest 10**

Migrant Bird: Scarlet Tanager

Scarlet Tanagers breed in mature forests in Maryland but winter in Columbia and the Northwest of South America



## **Build the Best Nest 11**

Migrant Bird: Osprey

Ospreys breed in the Chesapeake Bay area but winter in the north of South America including in Venezuela.

# Northern Cardinal



## **Build the Best Nest 12**

Male and Female Northern Cardinal

Female northern cardinal's feathers are camouflaged.

# Wood Duck



## **Build the Best Nest 13**

Male and Female Wood Duck

Female wood duck's feathers are camouflaged.

## Red-winged Blackbird



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## **Build the Best Nest 14**

Male and Female Red-winged Blackbird

Have students guess which is the male and which the female.

# American Robin



## **Build the Best Nest 15**

### American Robin

Have students guess which is the male and which the female. Male birds have a deeper orange breast and blacker head and back.



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## **Build the Best Nest 16**

Examples of camouflaged eggs in ground nests.



Baltimore Oriole Egg Ohio DNR



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## **Build the Best Nest 17**

Examples of eggs from nests in trees.