



Match the Nests at Harrison Hills Park

Nests act as amazing homes that reflect the specific needs of different species of birds. Why do you think birds build nests? What do you like about your home? What special things does it have? A bird's nest is its home too!

The nest protects the eggs and babies, keeping them safe and warm. Harrison Hills Park is home to many different types of birds. Keep a look out for different types of bird nests next time you visit the park.

Can you match each bird to it's nest?



GREAT BLUE HERON : nests in colonies with many other heron and egret pairs

BALTIMORE ORIOLE : constructs a hanging nest near the end of a tree branch

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD : uses spider silk to attach lichens and mosses as camouflage; eggs the size of tictacs

AMERICAN ROBIN : uses dead grass and twigs and presses them into a cup shape using their wings

KILLDEER : builds nests on the ground and often adds rocks, bits of shell or sticks to their nests

BARN SWALLOW : adults can make up to 1200 trips to gather enough mud to build their nests, which they usually build on man-made structures

PILEATED WOODPECKER : characteristic square holes often built in dead trees

MALLARD DUCK : nests are located in quiet, protected spots close to the edge of the water