

What?



- The 'Bird Nesting Season' is officially from March to August (*Natural England*), with the peak months for breeding being May and June. However, some birds such as pigeons can nest all year round.
- While birds usually nest in trees or hedges, they can also be found nesting on the ground, in sheds, under eaves or behind drain downpipes.
- Nests come in various shapes and sizes; they could be a cup made of dried grass, moss or mud, a shallow scrape or tunnel made in the ground, or a pile of rotting vegetation, twigs or litter.

Why?

- All nesting wild birds (including 'pest' species such as feral pigeons and gulls) are protected. It is illegal to kill or disturb birds or damage their nests or eggs.
- This includes damaging or destroying nests while being built or in use, disturbing birds while nesting and removing, damaging or taking eggs and young birds from nests.



Do ✓

- ✓ Check that no nesting birds are present before carrying out work on trees and hedges
- ✓ Stop all work in the immediate area if nesting birds are present
- ✓ Report the presence of nesting birds to the leader



Don't ✗

- ✗ Don't carry out work on trees and hedges during the breeding season
- ✗ Don't kill, injure or capture any wild bird
- ✗ Don't take, damage, destroy or disturb a nest or eggs of any wild bird



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