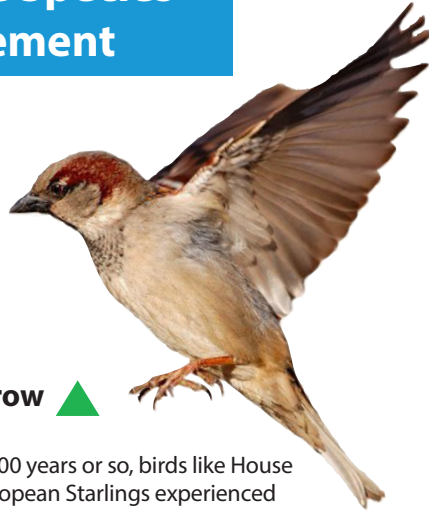


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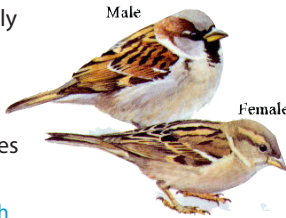


### House Sparrow ▲

During the past 100 years or so, birds like House Sparrows and European Starlings experienced massive range expansions in North America, moving into areas where they did not historically occur, and are deservedly referred to as “invasive species.”

Often when invasive bird species colonize an area, they compete with native bird species for resources such as food and nesting locations.

Source: [CornellLab](#), [Project FeederWatch](#)



Nest: A ball of dried vegetation, feathers, string and paper

Eggs: Oval, smooth, whitish spotted with grey or brown

Note: Unlike House Sparrows, European Starlings cannot fit into standard 1 ½ inch nest box holes. Native sparrows do not compete for nest boxes.

### Invasive Species Volunteer Dispatchers

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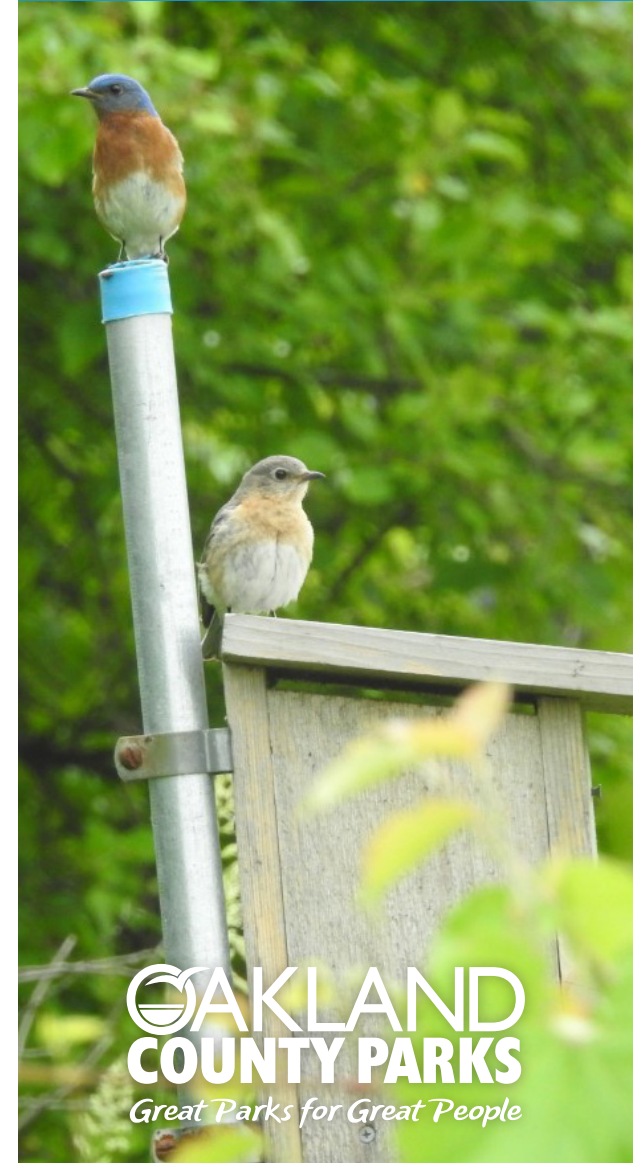
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# Bird & Nest Identification

## Eastern Blue Bird

Learn More -  
[Nestwatch.org/learn/focal-species/eastern-bluebird/](https://nestwatch.org/learn/focal-species/eastern-bluebird/)



Nest: Loosely built cup of fine grasses and pine needles

Eggs: 4-6 oval, pale blue to bluish-white, occasionally pure white

Incubation: 13-16 days

## Tree Swallow

Learn More -  
[Nestwatch.org/learn/focal-species/tree-swallow/](https://nestwatch.org/learn/focal-species/tree-swallow/)



Nest: Dry grass hollowed in center or corner and lined with feathers

Eggs: 4-7 oval, white and unmarked

Incubation: 14-15 days

## House Wren

Learn More -  
[Nestwatch.org/learn/focal-species/house-wren/](https://nestwatch.org/learn/focal-species/house-wren/)



Nest: Base of twigs with spider egg sacs, cup of grasses and plant fibers, usually filling nest box

Eggs: 4-8 small oval, white thickly speckled with minute reddish/brown dots

Incubation: 12-15 days

## Black-Capped Chickadee

Learn More -  
[Nestwatch.org/learn/focal-species/black-capped-chickadee/](https://nestwatch.org/learn/focal-species/black-capped-chickadee/)



Nest: Moss and cottony fibers, lined with hair or fur

Eggs: 5-8 oval, smooth, white dotted with reddish-brown spots concentrated at larger end

Incubation: 12-13 days

