Nests & Eggs that you may find in a Bluebird Nest Box

Bluebirds: Neat grass nest (may use pine needles) tightly woven with a cup formed in the center. Nest depth can be as low as 2" but usually 5- 7" eggs are a solid light blue (can be "white"). The first clutch is usually 4 – 6 eggs – or many as 7 eggs. Each clutch after that will have one less egg. A Bluebird can have as many as 3 clutches per breeding season.

Tree Swallows: Grass nest – not as neat as a Bluebirds – always lined with feathers – mainly large white ones but can also be brown – nest is not as tall as a Bluebirds usually a couple of inches high. No idea where they get the feathers from – they look like a turkey or chicken feathers – they are not the Tree Swallows feather. Eggs are pure white and smaller than a Bluebird's eggs. There can be 5 to 7 eggs in a clutch and usually 1 clutch per season.

House Wrens: Made of small twigs, takes up the entire nest box – towards the back of the nest box is a tunnel down toward a cup and the cup is lined with soft grasses. DO NOT OPEN the nest box after the babies hatch if they are large enough to jump off the nest box they will & they won't stay in the nest box even if you put them back in the box. Eggs are a light tan that are speckled and are usually 7 per clutch. The male house wren will fill the neighboring nest boxes with twigs to prevent other birds from using the boxes – these are called dummy nests & you can remove them.

Chickadee: The base of the nest is moss with the cup being fine soft grasses, downy feathers, hair. Eggs are white to pinkish white – small red, brownish red or purplish red spots on eggs – 6 – 8 eggs per clutch.

✖**House/English Sparrows** – grass nest very sloppy & loosely put together will take up entire nest box will have a lot of trash & some feathers mixed in with the grass – cup is in back & lined with soft grasses usually 5 tan eggs with speckles. Non native species we hope to keep out of our nestboxes

A Bluebird nest taken over by House Wrens.