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Author's Classroom Activity Guide
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Curriculum Connections: *Birds, bird nests, animal habitats, poetry, rhythm and rhyme, art.*

Sidebars provide detailed information about each bird and would work well for close reading.

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<http://www.folletlearning.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/e/fssmarketingstore/follett-ebooks>

Simple rhyming text introduces different kinds of bird nests built up high or below the ground. Intricate collage pictures accompany the 4-line poems. Illustrations are naturalistic and accurate in detail. Sidebars provide detailed information about each bird species.

Text Features: Content sidebars, Author Notes, Websites.

CCSS for Primary Grades

- *RI.1.1 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.*
- *RI.1.7 Use the illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas.*
- *RL.2.4 Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.*
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- *RL.2.7 Use information gained from the illustrations and words to . . . demonstrate understanding.*
- *RL.3.2 Ask and answer questions . . . to demonstrate understanding of the text.*

CCSS for Intermediate Grades

- *.RI.3.7 Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story.*
- *RI.3.9 Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.*
- *RL.4.7 Interpret information presented in charts, graphs, or other visual sources of information and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text.*
- *RI.5.9 Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.*
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Lesson Ideas	Text Set Options
Primary:	
<p>Draw birds following a YouTube art lesson.</p> <p>Complete a worksheet, matching the bird picture to pictures of their nests.</p> <p>Share artist Henri Matisse and his use of collage. Then create a collage with colored construction paper.</p> <p>Create a Venn diagram comparing and contrasting bird nests. Then write a paragraph describing various things birds use to build nests and why.</p>	<p>KidsArtHub.com https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0TI4DItIz4</p> <p>HowtoDrawStuff.com https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYjkTDJ4OFA</p> <p>Inside Bird Nests by Ethan Danielson PowerKids Press 2016 AR/Lexile Not yet published</p> <p>Bird Nests by Heather Adamson RiverStream Publishing 2014 AR 1.8 Lexile 500</p> <p>Have You Heard the Nesting Bird by Rita Gray Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2014 No AR RL 1.9</p> <p>Birds and their Nests by Linda Tagliaferro Capstone 2004 AR 1.7 Lexile 440</p> <p>Birds by Kevin Henkes Greenwillow Books 2009 AR 2.1 Lexile 210</p>
Intermediate:	
<p>Art project—build a bird nest: Use plates, bags, clay, and string and things from nature to create nests. Cut out birds and decorate with feathers. See Pinterest for many ideas, easy to complex.</p> <p>Walk around outside and create a “birding” journal or nature journal, observing and commenting on what is seen. Include drawings and labeling.</p> <p>Compare two species of birds using a Venn diagram to identify how they are the same and how they are different.</p> <p>Explore to find which birds are currently endangered and determine why they have reached that status.</p>	<p>Look Up: Bird Watching in Your Own Backyard by Annette Cate Candlewick Press 2013 No AR Lexile 810</p> <p>Birds Build Nests by Elaine Pascoe Gareth Stevens 2002 AR 3.4 No Lexile</p> <p>Evan an Ostrich Needs a Nest by Irene Kelly Holiday House 2009 AR 4.8 Lexile 930</p> <p>The Perfect Nest by Catherine Friend Scholastic 2009 AR 2.5 Lexile None</p> <p>National Audubon Society Website: Top stories of birds in the news. www.audubon.org</p> <p>Nestwatch Website: How to be a bird watcher and reporter. www.nestwatch.org</p> <p>Cornell University Website: All About Birds. Shares science and wonder of birds with people of all ages. See tab: eNewsletter http://www.birds.cornell.edu/Page.aspx?pid=1478</p> <p>American Birding Association Website: Includes digital information and a magazine geared to young people. www.aba.org</p>