## Activity 2 – Help Birds Build Nests

You can help birds build their nests nearby by setting out the right materials for them. Many of these you might have on hand.

Leave out any of these materials for birds to pick up. They are common items used by birds for their nests.

**Materials**

* Dead twigs
* Dried grass clippings (from lawns not chemically treated)
* Fiber, string, and yarn (cut into 1 to 2 inch pieces)
* Dog fur (can get after clipping or trimming your dog’s fur)
* Shredded paper
* Horse hair
* Moss
* Dry plants
* Dry grass
* Bark
* Pine needles
* Dead twigs
* Leaves
* Mud

**Materials Not to Use**

* Metallic thread
* Tinsel
* Plastic strips
* Dryer lint
* Chemically treated hair or grass clippings
* Fishing line

**Instructions**

Leave the materials in different spots, such as tree crevices, in baskets (old green fruit baskets are awesome for this), brush piles, etc. Try placing materials near locations in your yard birds frequent.