

<b>NEST &amp; EGG DESCRIPTIONS FOR WOOD DUCK BOX CHICKS</b>					
<b>EGG CHARACTERISTICS</b>					
<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>SIZE/QTY</b>	<b>SHAPE</b>	<b>COLOR</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>NEST CHARACTERISTICS</b>
Wood duck	51x39mm	oval	creamy white, dull white or pale buff	earliest 3/28 latest 7/15	mouse-gray down in nest
Hooded Merganser	53x45mm	oval or almost round	shell thick, pure white; like a chicken egg	earliest 4/25	
Common Goldeneye	59x43mm	oval to long-oval	dull luster, pale green to olivaceous, often various shades in same nest	4/15-6/15	rare breeder; white down from female (often clinging to entrance hole) & debris
Starling	29x21mm 4 5	variable	slight gloss, pale bluish or greenish white		grasses, weed stems, twigs, leaves, cloth, feathers; carelessly built; cup lined with fine grass/feathers
Grackle	28x21mm 3 6	oval	pale greenish white, yellow-brown blotched/spotted with dark browns & purples	earliest 4/8	loose bulky structure; weeds, grasses, feathers, fine debris; often deserted early; outside diameter 7-9 "; inside diameter 4-4.5"; depth 3-3.75"
Kestrel	28x21mm 3 6	oval, short-oval	no gloss, white, pink-white or light cinnamon, evenly colored with small dots & brownish spots, markings somewhat concentrated at one end or in ring around egg	earliest 4/5	little or no nest material added; wood chips pushed aside 7 eggs laid on wood floor
House Sparrow	23x15mm 3 7		white, greenish-white; dotted with grays, browns		ball of grasses, weeds, trash, feathers, hair
Screech Owl	35x30mm 2 7	elliptical	pure white	earliest 3/23	no material carried, but feathers and fur of prey common; owl pellets apparent
Prothonootary Warbler	18x14mm 3 8		creamy , boldly liberally spotted, blotched with brown shades		mossy rootlets, twigs, leaves; egg cavity rounded cup-shaped, smoothly lined with fine grasses, leaves, stens, feathers
<b>Other possible users: House Finch, Chickadee, Nuthatch, Wren, Tree Swallow, Great-crested Flycatcher, Red-bellied Woodpecker, &amp; Flicker</b>					