

Instructions for building a substitute bird nest:

1. Choose a durable container that is as close to the size and shape of the original nest as possible.



2. Poke holes in the bottom for drainage. *Be sure there are no sharp edges exposed that can injure the babies.



3. Poke holes in the sides of the container to zip tie, twist tie, etc. to the tree.



4. Line with appropriate substrate and attach fasteners.



5. Attach firmly to the tree as close to where the original nest was as possible, so the nest will not tip when the parents land on it to feed the babies. Place babies in nest. Be sure they are warm to the touch, and free of insects or injuries.



**Please note that “bird” in the picture is TOO BIG for the nest! It is just an example☺

6. Monitor the nest closely to be sure the parents are able to locate the babies and are feeding them. Contact Wild Bird Rehabilitation if you have any questions or concerns.
7. Other substitute nest options: Strainer or colander:



Wicker basket or Easter basket.



8. Cavity Nest Options: Milk carton:





Soda bottle, (can tape a piece of paper to the outside for shade AFTER the bottle is affixed to the surface).

