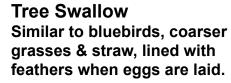
# Nest Guide to Cavity Nesters by Patrick Ready/BRAW

## **Eastern Bluebird** Fine or coarse grasses, pine needles, lined with fine grasses.







**Black-capped Chickadee** Moss, fine grass, lined with animal hair.



















#### **House Wren**

Sticks and twigs jammed in tight. Lined with a small amount of fine grass and hair. Often builds dummy nest with a few sticks but without lined cup.





### **House Sparrow**

grass, straw, feathers, paper, plastic, etc. and they usually swirl the grass upward to fill the box, then tunnel down in. Sometimes when a nest is first started it my be hard to tell what species is nesting. Wait a day or two to see how the nest develops. Feathers and wrappers early on with some grass pieces are definite signs of House Sparrows.



Above: Peterson box filled with straw, grass, and garbage indicate a House Sparrow nest.

Middle: Eggs-white or grey with brown specs

Left: Beginning nest. Similar to bluebird and tree swallow but note chicken feathers and debris = signs of a House Sparrow nest.

# Species Identification of cavity nesters

Male & female Eastern Bluebird





Female & male Tree Swallow.





Black-capped Chickadee, sexes similar.

House Wren, sexes similar.

