

Song Birds and Game Birds: Where and When They Nest

Species	Normal Nesting Period	Nesting Days Per Brood*	Number of Broods	Nest Description
Pheasant	Mid-April through August	35-50	1	Shallow depression on ground, sparsely lined with grass.
Hungarian partridge	Mid-May through August	35-50	1	Shallow depression on ground, lined with grass.
Mallard	April through July	35-50	1	Hollow on ground, lined with grass and down.
Goldfinch	Late June through August	27-37	1	Cup of woven grass and plant down in weeds or small trees.
Bobolink	Mid-May through July	26-35	1	Shallow cup of dead grass on ground.
Meadowlark	Late April through mid.July	28-34	2	Domed nest of woven grasses with side opening.
Mourning dove	Late April through early September	29-33	2-3	Loose platform of twigs on ground or in tree.
Dickcissel	Early May through July	21-28	2	Loose cup of woven grass on ground or raised in grass tussock or small bush.
Grasshopper sparrow	May through mid-August	24-27	2-3	Hollow cup of grass, rim level with ground or slightly raised.
Vesper sparrow	May through early August	23-32	2	Bulky cup of woven grasses, in shallow depression on ground or in grass tussock.
Common yellowthroat	May through early August	24-28	1-2	Bulky cup of dead grasses with partial hood, built just above ground in grass tussock or small shrubs.

*Approximate length of time from egg laying until young leave the nest. Nesting periods may be extended if birds are forced to re-nest because nest is destroyed or abandoned.