

Nesting Characteristics of Quail Hollow Birds 2026*

SPECIES (list in order of # QH nests)	# QH Nests Total/ Success	Thumbnail Shots	Egg Appearance	Nest	# Eggs	# Broods	Incubation Days	Hatching to Fledging	Seasonal Nesting Range
Violet-green Swallow VGSW	154/143		White, no marks	Deep nest, grass or pine needles, feathers on top.	2-6 (3-8)	1 (1)	13-18 (13-14)	22-27 (20-21)	4/13-8/7 (4/15- 7/31)
Chestnut- backed Chickadee CBCH	114/97		White to cream with rd/brn marks	Mossy lined with fur or plant down	3-8 (5-8)	1-2 (1-?)	12-16 (11-12)	18-23 (1 3-17)	3/6-6/24 (3/15- 6/20)
Western Bluebird WEBL	80/63		Blue, white, or mixed	Loose cup grass, stems	3-7 (4-6)	1-2 (2-3)	12-17 (14)	20-25 (19-23)	3/8-7/31 (4/15- 8/10)
Oak Titmouse OATI	40/35		White usually unmarked	Moss with grasses or pine needles, lined with fur	5-9 (6-8)	1 (2)	13-18 (14-16)	21-25 (17-20)	3/3-6/26 (4/1-6/30)
Ash-throated Flycatcher ATFL	39/35		White to pink, splotted with browns and purples	Nest soft, of hair, fur feathers, grass	3-6 (4-5)	1-2 (1)	14-16 (14-17)	15-20 (15-16)	4/20-7/28 (5/1-7/25)
Bewick's Wren BEWR	9/8		White w/ light spots of reds, greys and purples	Twigs, grass lined with feathers and grass	5-7 (4-11)	1 (2)	14-15 (14)	15-19 (14)	4/14-6/29 (4/25-7/5)
House Wren HOWR	4		White w/ tiny red brown dots on large end	Twigs, cup in back lined with feathers	5-8 (5-8)	2 (2)	13-14 (12-15)	16-20 15-17	4/1-7/27 (4/10-7/5)

* Quail Hollow numbers in **Bold**. Average numbers for California listed in parentheses taken from: Graham, Hatch. 2006. Monitoring Guide: Monitoring your Bluebird Trail in California. Hot Pepper Press. Somerset, CA.

