

Need another word that means the same as “nest”? Find 31 synonyms and 30 related words for “nest” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Nest” are: roost, eyrie, lair, den, drey, lodge, burrow, set, form, hideaway, hiding place, hideout, retreat, shelter, refuge, snugger, nook, haunt, hotbed, breeding ground, cradle, seedbed, forcing house, cluster, group, assemblage, cuddle, draw close, nestle, nuzzle, snuggle**

## **Nest as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Nest" as a noun**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “nest” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A set of similar objects of graduated sizes, made so that each smaller one fits into the next in size for storage.*
- *A cosy or secluded retreat.*
- *Furniture pieces made to fit close together.*
- *A gang of people (criminals or spies or terrorists) assembled in one locality.*
- *A structure in which animals lay eggs or give birth to their young.*
- *A person's snug or secluded retreat.*
- *Something in the form of a bowl or layer, used to hold, protect, or support something.*
- *A kind of gun emplacement.*
- *A place filled with undesirable people, activities, or things.*

- A structure or place made or chosen by a bird for laying eggs and sheltering its young.
- A place where an insect or other animal breeds or shelters.



## Synonyms of "Nest" as a noun (26 Words)

- assemblage** A group of persons together in one place.  
*Some vast **assemblage** of gears and cogs.*
- breeding ground** Elegance by virtue of fineness of manner and expression.
- burrow** A hole made by an animal, usually for shelter.
- cluster** A grouping of a number of similar things.  
***Clusters** of the disease have been reported leading to speculation about person to person transmission.*

<b>cradle</b>	Infancy. <i>He was taught from the <b>cradle</b> never to cry.</i>
<b>den</b>	A wild mammal's hidden home or lair. <i>A female mink had set up her <b>den</b> there.</i>
<b>drey</b>	The nest of a squirrel.
<b>eyrie</b>	A large nest of an eagle or other bird of prey, built high in a tree or on a cliff. <i>His 40th floor <b>eyrie</b> in the tallest office building in Portland.</i>
<b>forcing house</b>	Physical energy or intensity.
<b>form</b>	A printed document with blank spaces for information to be inserted. <i>The <b>form</b> colour and texture of the tree.</i>
<b>group</b>	A number of people or things that are located, gathered, or classed together. <i>I've always been a fan of the guitarists in the <b>group</b>.</i>
<b>haunt</b>	A place frequented by a specified person. <i>The bar was a favourite <b>haunt</b> of artists of the time.</i>
<b>hideaway</b>	A place used for hiding in or as a retreat from other people. <i>Workmen added 4 ft to the top of the 6 ft high wooden fence round her Surrey <b>hideaway</b> to stop prying eyes.</i>
<b>hideout</b>	A hiding place; usually a remote place used by outlaws. <i>The kidnappers did not want their <b>hideout</b> discovered.</i>
<b>hiding place</b>	The activity of keeping something secret.
<b>hotbed</b>	A bed of earth heated by fermenting manure, for raising or forcing plants. <i>The country was a <b>hotbed</b> of revolt and dissension.</i>
<b>lair</b>	The habitation of wild animals. <i>The hero goes off to find the dragon's <b>lair</b>.</i>
<b>lodge</b>	A porter's quarters at the main entrance of a college or other large building. <i>A hunting <b>lodge</b>.</i>
<b>nook</b>	A corner or recess, especially one offering seclusion or security. <i>The <b>nook</b> beside the fire.</i>
<b>refuge</b>	A safe place. <i>Took <b>refuge</b> in lying.</i>
<b>retreat</b>	An act of moving back or withdrawing. <i>The religious <b>retreat</b> is a form of vacation activity.</i>



<b>roost</b>	A shelter with perches for fowl or other birds. <i>Birds were hurrying to their evening <b>roosts</b>.</i>
<b>seedbed</b>	A bed of fine soil in which seedlings are germinated. <i>A <b>seedbed</b> of bigotry and fundamentalism.</i>
<b>set</b>	An unofficial association of people or groups. <i>A <b>set</b> of books.</i>
<b><u>shelter</u></b>	A place giving temporary protection from bad weather or danger. <i>You re welcome to take <b>shelter</b> from the storm.</i>
<b>snuggery</b>	A cosy or comfortable place, especially someone's private room or den.



### Usage Examples of "Nest" as a noun

- *A machine-gun nest.*
- *A nest site.*
- *An ants' nest.*

- *A nest of spies.*
- *Two sparrows frantically building a nest.*
- *A nest of tables.*
- *Potato nests filled with okra.*
- *I'm off to my cosy nest.*
- *A nest of snipers.*
- *A nest of thieves.*



## **Nest as a Verb**

### **Definitions of "Nest" as a verb**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "nest" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *(of a set of objects) fit inside one another.*
- *Fit together or fit inside.*



- *Inhabit a nest, usually after building.*
- *Move or arrange oneself in a comfortable and cozy position.*
- *(especially in computing and linguistics) place (an object or element) in a lower position in a hierarchy.*
- *(of a bird or other animal) use or build a nest.*
- *Gather nests.*
- *Fit (an object or objects) inside a larger one.*



### **Synonyms of "Nest" as a verb (5 Words)**

- cuddle**      Ingratiate oneself with.  
*We **cuddled** against each other to keep warm.*
- draw close**      Finish a game with an equal number of points, goals, etc.
- nestle**      Move or arrange oneself in a comfortable and cozy position.  
*The baby **nestled** in her arms.*

**nuzzle** Snuggle up to.  
*The pig **nuzzled** the truffle.*

**snuggle** Settle or move into a warm, comfortable position.  
*I **snuggled** down in my sleeping bag.*



### Usage Examples of "Nest" as a verb

- *The town is nested inside a large crater on the flanks of a volcano.*
- *Russian dolls that nest inside one another.*
- *Birds are nesting outside my window every Spring.*
- *The owls often nest in barns.*
- *Nested bowls.*





## Associations of "Nest" (30 Words)

- albatross** A source of frustration or guilt; an encumbrance (in allusion to Coleridge's *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*).  
*She was an **albatross** around his neck.*
- beak** A beaklike tapering tip on certain plant structures.  
*She can't wait to stick her **beak** in.*
- bird** The flesh of a bird or fowl wild or domestic used as food.  
*Carve the **bird** and arrange on a warmed serving plate.*
- bluebird** Blue North American songbird.  
*On beautiful **bluebird** days the girls rode snowmobiles.*
- chick** A young bird, especially one newly hatched.  
*Cuckoo **chicks**.*
- cormorant** A large diving bird with a long neck, long hooked bill, short legs, and mainly dark plumage. It typically breeds on coastal cliffs.



<b>cygnet</b>	A young swan.
<b>eagle</b>	A figure of an eagle especially as a symbol of the US. <i>She <b>eagled</b> the hole.</i>
<b>egret</b>	Any of various usually white herons having long plumes during breeding season.
<b>flamingo</b>	A tall wading bird with mainly pink or scarlet plumage and long legs and neck. It has a heavy bent bill that is held upside down in the water in order to filter-feed on small organisms.
<b>flying</b>	Used in names of animals that can glide by using winglike membranes or other structures e g flying squirrel. <i><b>Flying</b> was still an exciting adventure for him.</i>
<b>goose</b>	Flesh of a goose domestic or wild. <i>The government s desire to <b>goose</b> the tired housing market.</i>
<b>gull</b>	A person who is gullible and easy to take advantage of.
<b>hatch</b>	The rear door of a hatchback car. <i>Young birds fish and reptiles <b>hatch</b>.</i>
<b>hawk</b>	Of a person hunt game with a trained hawk. <i>The tribes like to <b>hawk</b> in the desert.</i>
<b>hen</b>	Used in names of birds especially waterbirds of the rail family e g moorhen native hen. <i>And I really like you too <b>hen</b>.</i>
<b>heron</b>	Greek mathematician and inventor who devised a way to determine the area of a triangle and who described various mechanical devices (first century).
<b>jackdaw</b>	A small grey-headed crow that typically nests in tall buildings and chimneys, noted for its inquisitiveness.
<b>owl</b>	A person who habitually goes to bed late and feels energetic in the evening.
<b>parrot</b>	Usually brightly colored zygodactyl tropical birds with short hooked beaks and the ability to mimic sounds. <i>The students <b>parroted</b> the teacher s words.</i>
<b>peck</b>	Eat by pecking at like a bird. <i>The bird managed to give its attacker a sharp <b>peck</b>.</i>
<b>quail</b>	Flesh of quail suitable for roasting or broiling if young otherwise must be braised.
<b>raptor</b>	A dromaeosaurid dinosaur especially a velociraptor or utahraptor.
<b>robin</b>	Any of a number of birds that resemble the European robin especially in having a red breast.

- skylark** Play boisterously.  
*He was **skylarking** with a friend when he fell into a pile of boxes.*
- spoonbill** Wading birds having a long flat bill with a tip like a spoon.
- swan** Sweep majestically.  
***Swanning** around Europe nowadays are we.*
- tern** A seabird related to the gulls, typically smaller and more slender, with long pointed wings and a forked tail.
- turkey** The flesh of the turkey as food.  
*The movie flopped the second in a trio of **turkeys**.*
- vulture** A contemptible person who preys on or exploits others.  
*The press are **vultures**.*

