

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, snuggery, 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. <i>Some vast assemblage of gears and cogs.</i>
breeding ground	Elegance by virtue of fineness of manner and expression.
<u>burrow</u>	A hole made by an animal, usually for shelter.
<u>cluster</u>	A grouping of a number of similar things. <i>Clusters of the disease have been reported leading to speculation about person to person transmission.</i>

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

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

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

skylark	Play boisterously. <i>He was skylarking with a friend when he fell into a pile of boxes.</i>
spoonbill	Wading birds having a long flat bill with a tip like a spoon.
swan	Sweep majestically. <i>Swanning around Europe nowadays are we.</i>
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. <i>The movie flopped the second in a trio of turkeys.</i>
vulture	A contemptible person who preys on or exploits others. <i>The press are vultures.</i>

