

ENVIRONMENTAL MONTHLY BULLETIN

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IT'S ALMOST NESTING SEASON IN THE DESERT

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act protects over 1,000 bird species. It is unlawful to touch, capture or harm any bird or active bird nest. An active nest with eggs and/or hatchlings cannot be touched.

However,

If you see an empty nest (no eggs or hatchlings) you can remove it! Removing an empty nest now may help you later as active nests can delay work.

- If you see birds starting to build nests remove the nests. Birds are persistent and may keep coming back even after you have removed what they have already built.
- If possible, close doors to buildings to keep birds from entering and building nests indoors.



Common areas for nests include:

Building beams/rafters, ladders/platforms, power line poles, equipment, and conveyor belt cassettes

- Check mobile equipment daily for signs of nest building. This includes cranes, man lifts and bucket trucks. Birds have built nests on crane booms and riggings in the past.

If you find an **active nest in your work area that interferes with process operations or maintenance work, **STOP THE JOB**, and contact Environmental Services**

When unsure of what to do, contact Environmental Services.

Additional guidance can also be found in BMP 600 (Wildlife Reporting) & BMP 601 (Wildlife protection).