

When to prune trees without disturbing our local birds?

Have you ever seen a hummingbird's nest?

They are teeny tiny and incredibly well-camouflaged, making them difficult to spot even when you know where to look. This is just one type of many arboreal nests that can be found locally, and is why it's often recommended to avoid pruning trees during "nesting bird season."

In the Bay Area, birds generally start selecting nesting sites as early as February, and may use those nests all the way through August. **This means that an ideal time to get your tree work done is September through January (right now!), when any nests are unoccupied.**

If you do need to have your trees pruned between February and August, make sure you hire a qualified arborist and that they perform a thorough inspection prior to beginning work in order to avoid disturbing any nesting birds.

See this [brochure](#) from the Golden Gate Audubon society for additional details and resources.

Size of a hummingbird nest



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