

# Bluebird Monitoring Training

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# Bluebird Ecology



- Insects
- Berries
- Cavities
- Open area
- Short grass
- Water nearby



# Nesting Cycle of Bluebirds



**Nestbuilding**

Can happen very quickly or in fits and starts

**Eggs**

Laid 1 per day



**Incubation**

Lasts 11-19 days

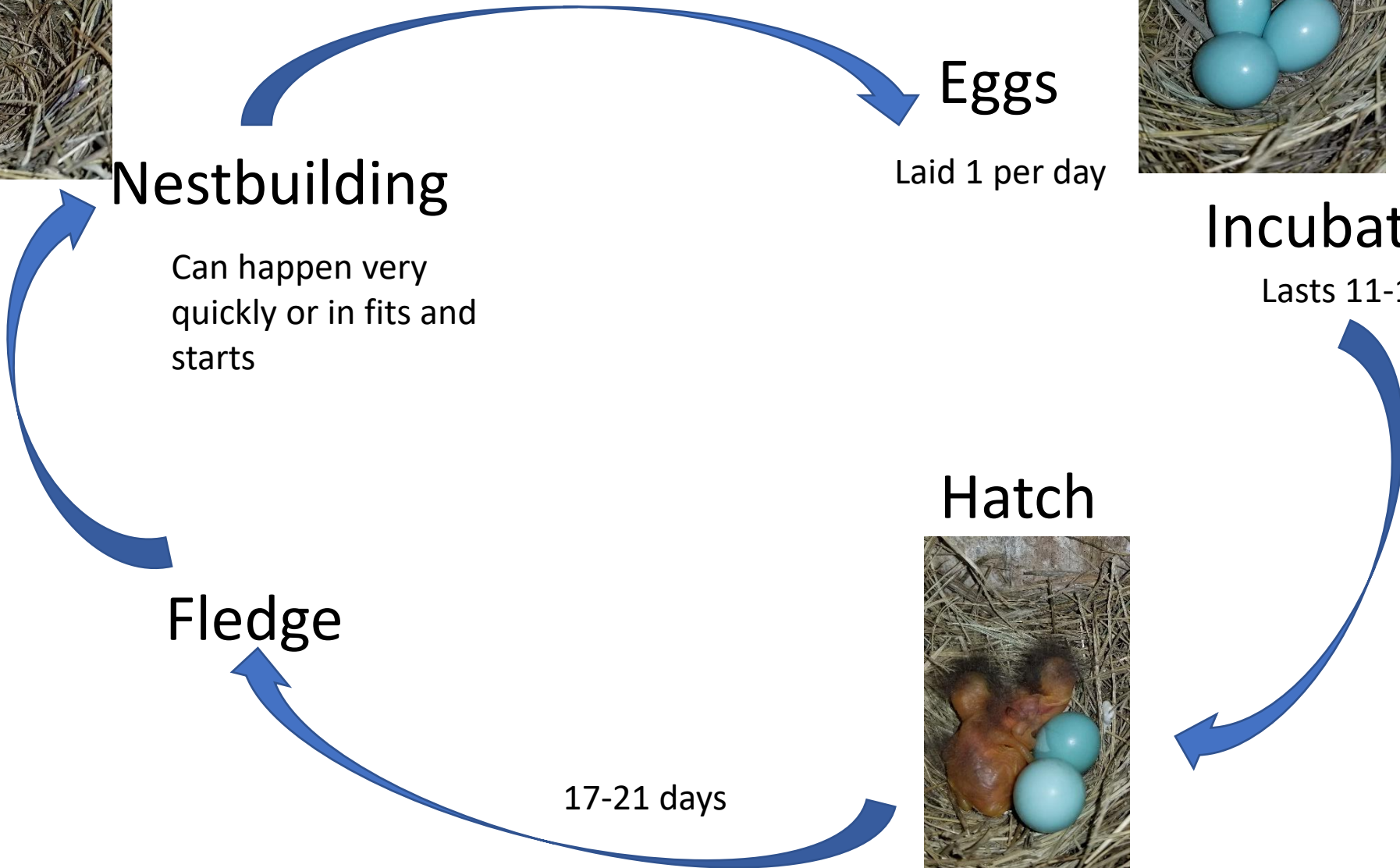


**Hatch**



**Fledge**

17-21 days



# Bluebird nests

Starting in March

Can be 2-3 nests per season.

Bluebirds tend to use grass or pine needles when available. The soft materials create a neat cup.



# Other Nests



Chickadee



Tufted Titmouse



Tree Swallow



House Wren



House Sparrow



And some Not-birds!



# Eggs

- 2-7 per clutch
- Light blue or white
- Most egg laying happens in morning



# Incubation

- Parents can be very protective
- Mother may stay on eggs
- Lasts 11-19 days depending on temperature and other conditions.
- Parents will often leave the eggs.





# Hatching

- Why are there unhatched eggs?
  - Hatching takes time
  - Some eggs are unviable
  - Is the clutch abandoned?
- Incubation takes 11-19 days

# Fledging

- It will take 2-3 weeks for young to fledge.
- Caution!!! As they get close to fledging!
- To clean or not to clean?