



Where do birds nest?

Birds nest in various places within hedges, so comprehensive checks should be made. The following table contains examples of bird species that nest in and around hedges in the Isle of Man.

Birds species	Nest location	Time of year
Blackbird	In dense vegetation including hedges and brambles, can be low to the ground.	March to August
Blackcap	In dense vegetation such as brambles, reeds, nettle beds, raspberry canes, low to the ground	May to August
Blue tit	Small hole/crevice in trees	April to July
Chaffinch	Trees and hedges, a few feet above the ground.	April to July
Chiffchaff	In dense vegetation such as brambles, reeds, nettle beds, raspberry canes, low to the ground	May to July
Coal tit	Small hole in trees	April to July
Collared Dove	Usually high in a tree	
Dunnock	In dense vegetation including hedges and brambles, can be low to the ground	April to July
Goldcrest	High in conifer trees	April to July
Goldfinch	High in tree	April to July
Great tit	Small hole/crevice in tree	April to July
Greenfinch	Dense hedges, shrubs and trees, often a few feet above the ground.	March to July
Linnet	In thick hedges and bushes, often in gorse bushes and brambles.	April to July
Long-tailed tit	In dense vegetation, gorse bushes and brambles, often low to the ground	Generally April to July, though nest building can start earlier.
Robin	In dense or open vegetation, often in hedges, climbing plants and can be low to or even on the ground	March to July
Song thrush	In dense vegetation, often in hedges and can be low to the ground	April to July
Whitethroat	Hedges, bushes, nettle beds, usually low to the ground.	May to August
Willow warbler	In dense vegetation such as brambles, reeds, nettle beds, raspberry canes, low to the ground	May to July
Wren	In dense vegetation such as gorse bushes, can be low to the ground	April to July
Wood pigeon	Can be low or high in trees and gorse bushes	February to October

(This is not an exhaustive list of species that can nest within hedges, but an example of where and when a variety of bird species will nest).