

# Natural and artificial cavities help cavity- nesting birds.



A park in your neighborhood has three dead trees. One has a natural cavity suitable for a small cavity-nesting bird. The other two trees each have one vacant cavity previously made and used by a woodpecker. Multiple pairs of Western Bluebirds and Mountain Chickadees are competing for these cavities so volunteers have installed 10 nest boxes suitable for them. Using the egg laying predictions below, calculate the maximum number of potential fledglings if both species used 50% of the cavities and if each nesting pair had two clutches in the nesting season.

Western Bluebird: #5 eggs per clutch

Mountain Chickadee #12 eggs per clutch

Total number of possible fledglings \_\_\_\_\_

Small fledgling birds often become prey to crows and hawks soon after they leave the nest. If 35% of these fledglings were eaten by these predators within the first month after leaving the nest, how many birds survived?

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