

Purple Martins are nesting in the white gourds!



Male Martins are completely black (“purple”). Females have a white to creamy white breast.

Photo courtesy Charlie Curry

Purple Martins returned to the Nature Center in early May. We have at least 8 nesting pairs this year, and, on May 27, our nest check totaled at least 32 eggs. Purple Martins eat insects that fly high, especially dragonflies. They began laying eggs last week. The chicks will hatch in about a week or 10 days; adults will feed them until they are around 26 days. At that time, the chicks will take their first flight.



Learn more about these amazing birds at www.purplemartin.org, the Purple Martin Conservation Association.

