

DC National Arboretum Nesting History

Event	2015	2016	2017	2018
Mr. President Return Date	Unknown	Stayed in nest territory	Stayed in nest territory, First spotted at the nest September 13, 2016	Stayed in nest territory, First spotted at the nest September 28, 2017
The First Lady Return Date	October 5, 2014	Mid September 2015	October 11, 2016	October 9, 2017
Date Eggs Laid	DC 1: 2/7/15 (estimated)	DC 2: 2/10/16 DC 3: 2/14/16	DC 4: 2/19/17 DC 5: 2/23/17	DC 6: 3/25/18 DC 7: 3/28/18
Pip Confirmed	DC 1: Unknown	DC 2: 3/16/16 DC 3: 3/19/16	DC 4: 3/28/17 DC 5: 3/30/17	DC 6: 4/29/18 DC 7: 5/2/18
Hours to Hatch	DC 1: Unknown	DC 2: 36.5 Hours DC 3: 17.5 Hours	DC 4: 21 Hours, 52 Minutes DC 5: 6 Hours, 4 Minutes	DC 6: 17 Hours, 42 Minutes DC 7: 16 Hours, 1 Minute
Number of Days Incubated	DC 1: 35 Days (estimated)	DC 2: 37 Days DC 3: 35 Days	DC 4: 38 Days DC 5: 35 Days	DC 6: 36 Days DC 7: 35 Days
Date Hatched	DC 1: 3/7/2015 (estimated)	DC 2: 3/18/16 DC 3: 3/20/16	DC 4: 3/29/17 DC 5: 3/30/17	DC 6: 4/30/18 DC 7: 5/3/18
Date Branched	DC 1: Mid May 2015	DC 2: 5/17/16 DC 3: 5/17/16	DC 4: 5/27/17 DC 5: 5/25/17	DC 6: 6/24/18 DC 7: 7/3/18
Branching Age (in weeks)	DC 1: 9 Weeks (estimated)	DC 2: 8 weeks, 4 days DC 3: 8 weeks, 2 days	DC 4: 8 Weeks, 3 Days DC 5: 8 Weeks	DC 6: 7 Weeks, 6 Days DC 7: 8 Weeks, 6 Days
Date Fledged	DC 1: First week in June, 2015	DC 2: 6/5/16 DC 3: 6/9/16	DC 4: 6/22/17 DC 5: 6/19/17	DC 6: 7/12/18 DC 7: 7/26/18
Fledge Age (in weeks)	DC 1: 11-12 Weeks (estimated)	DC 2: 11 weeks, 2 days DC 3: 11 weeks, 4 days	DC 4: 12 weeks, 1 day DC 5: 11 weeks, 4 days	DC 6: 10 Weeks, 3 Days DC 7: 12 Weeks
Name Given	DC 1: Junior by Arb Staff	DC 2: Freedom DC 3: Liberty	DC 4: Honor DC 5: Glory	DC 6: Victory DC 7: Valor
Date Fledglings last seen	DC 1: (Junior) Unknown	DC 2: (Freedom) 7/8/16 DC 3: (Liberty) 7/8/16	DC 4: (Honor) 7/13/17 DC 5: (Glory) 7/22/17	DC 6: 8/18/18 DC 7: 8/7/18
Season Notes	No Cams this season, all monitoring was done from the ground by Arboretum Staff, USFWS, and DOEE.	1st Season with Cams	April 20, 2017 - DC 4 (Honor) Rescued at 23 days old due to right leg becoming lodged in the outer nest rails near the V, Honor was returned to the nest in perfect shape on April 21, 2017 Blood work performed revealed that DC 4 (Honor) is a female.	Valor had contracted West Nile virus – perhaps after falling from the nest, because he had no symptoms before that – and his deterioration was sudden and devastating. He was humanely euthanized August 7.