

Party Chicken Salad

1 cup chopped pecans
½ cup mayonnaise
¼ cup minced sweet onion
2 Tbsp chopped fresh basil
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp freshly ground pepper
4 cups chopped cooked chicken breast
4 small fresh, firm, ripe peaches, peeled and diced
Garnishes: fresh basil sprigs, fresh blackberries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake pecans in a single layer on a baking sheet 5-7 minutes or until lightly toasted and fragrant. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack (about 15 minutes). Stir together mayonnaise and next 4 ingredients in a large bowl. Fold in pecans, chicken, and peaches; cover and chill 2 hours. Garnish, if desired.