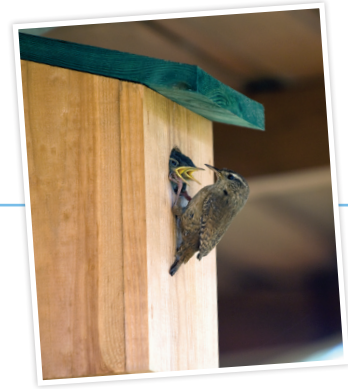




Expert Tips

Nesting Notes



General Nestbox Notes

- ✓ **No perch is necessary.** Birds that use birdhouses don't need them. The perches can be used by predators to hold on to the house while they grope for eggs or young inside.
- ✓ Metal portal plates prevent house sparrows, woodpeckers and squirrels from widening the entrance hole.
- ✓ Mount the house so the entrance hole faces east/northeast, out of our prevailing winds. Place the house so that it gets the morning sun for warmth.
- ✓ When mounting on a pole or post, use a baffle for further protection from predators.

Entrance Hole Size and House Spacing



Bluebirds: 1 ½ inch to 2 ¼ inch entrance hole. We recommend putting up two houses approximately 20 feet from each other. One is for the Bluebirds and the other can provide housing for Tree Swallows. The Bluebirds need 100 yards between nesting sites.



Chickadee: 1 ⅛ inch entrance hole. Have the houses up by late March or early April. Chickadees will more likely use the house if they are familiar with it prior to nesting time.



House Wren: 1 inch entrance hole. Get the house up by early April.



Wood Duck: 3 ½ inch to 4 ½ inch oval entrance hole. Please as near the water as possible in a fairly open site with the entrance hole at 6 feet above the ground or water. Be sure to use a baffle on the pole or post to protect them from raccoons. Place 3 inches or more of wood shavings to the cleaned out house by mid-March.