

Nest box Specifications

Bird Species	Floor Size	Depth of Box	Height of Nestbox	Entrance Hole	Height to Hole	Height Above Ground	Preferred Habitat	Notes
American Kestrel	8x8"	16-18"	18"	3"	9-12"	10-30'	Open Fields, Farmlands and Wooded Edges	Line with woodchips
American Robin	7x8"	8"	Open Sides	Open Sides	N/A	6-15'	Open Country with Water Nearby	Uses Shelf Nestbox Place on side of building or in tree
Ash-throated Flycatcher	6x6"	8-10"	12"	1 1/2"	6"	6-20'	Semi-Arid Open Country	
Barn Owl	10-18"	15-18"	18"	6"	4"	15-25'	Farmlands, High on Barn or Large Tree	Line with 2-3" of woodchips
Barn Swallow	6x6"	6"	Open Sides	Open Sides	N/A	8-12'	Open Country with Water Nearby	Uses Shelf Nestbox Place on side of building or in tree
Bewick's Wren	4x4"	6-8"	12"	1 1/4"	4-7"	4-10'	Open Fields and Thickets	
Brown-headed Nuthatch	4x4"	8-10"	12"	1 1/2"	7"	8-20'	Open Woods and Edges	Line with woodchips
Carolina Wren	4x4"	6 - 10"	12"	1 1/2"	4-6"	6-10'	Open Fields and Thickets	
Chickadees	4x4"	8-10"	12"	1 1/8"	7"	4-15'	Open woods and edges	Line with Woodchips
Common Goldeneye	12x12"	20"	24"	5"	12-16"	15-20'	Wooded Lakeshores and Marshes	Line with 3-4" of Woodchips
Common Merganser	12x12"	30-32"	36"	5"	10-14"	8-20'	Wooded Lakeshores and Marshes	Line with 3-4" of Woodchips
Downy Woodpecker	4x4"	8-10"	12"	1 1/4"	6-8"	6-20'	Forest Openings and Edges	Pack with sawdust for excavation
Eastern Bluebird	5x5"	8"	12"	1 1/2"	6-7"	4-6'	Open Land with Scattered Trees	
Great-crested Flycatcher	6x6"	8-10"	12"	1 9/16"	6"	6-20'	Open Woods and Edges	If Starlings are a problem, make entrance hole 1 9/16"
Hairy Woodpecker	6x6"	12-14"	14"	1 1/2"	8-12"	12-20'	Forest Openings and Edges	Pack with sawdust for excavation
House Finch	5 1/2"	6-7"	8"	2"	4-5"	5-7'	Backyards and Porches	
House Wren	4x4"	6-8"	12"	1 1/8"	4-7"	4-10'	Open Fields and Thickets	
Mountain Bluebird	5x5"	8"	12"	1 9/16"	6-7"	4-6'	Open Meadows, Fields, Pastures	
Northern Flicker	7x7"	16-18"	18"	2 1/2"	12-16"	15-20'	Wooded Lakeshores, forest openings and Edges	Line with 3-4" of Woodchips

Osprey	48x48"		Platform	3 Sides	N/A		Water Nearby	Uses Platform Nestbox
Phoebe	6x6"	6"	Open Sides	Open Sides	N/A	8-12'	Open Country with Water Nearby	Uses Shelf Nestbox Place on side of building or in tree
Pileated Woodpecker	12x12"	16-18"	24"	4"	14-16"	15-25'	Forests	Pack with sawdust for excavation
Prothonotary Warbler	4x4"	8"	12"	1 1/8"	6-8"	4-12'	Wooded Swamps and Streams	Mount 3-4' above open water
Purple Martin	8x8"	6"	6"	2 1/4"	1"	15-25'	Open Country near Water	Nestbox size is for one compartment
Pygmy Nuthatch	4x4"	8-10"	12"	1 1/4"	7"	8-20'	Open Woods and Edges	Line with woodchips
Red-bellied Woodpecker	6x6"	12-15"	14"	2 1/2"	9-12"	12-20'	Forest Openings and Edges	Pack with sawdust for excavation
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4x4"	8-10"	12"	1 1/4"	7"	8-20'	Open Woods and Edges	Line with woodchips
Red-headed Woodpecker	6x6"	12-15"	14"	2"	9-12"	12-20'	Forest Openings and Edges	Pack with sawdust for excavation
Red-tailed Hawk	24x24"		Platform	3 Sides	N/A			Uses Platform Nestbox
Saw-whet Owl	7x7"	10-12"	12"	2 1/2"	8-10"	10-20'	Forest Clearings and Edges	Line with 2-3" of woodchips
Screech Owl	9x9"	12-15"	18"	3 1/4"	9-12"	10-30'	Woods, Farmlands, Orchards	Line with 2-3" of woodchips
Song Sparrow	6x6"	6"	Open Sides	Open Sides	N/A	1-3'	Open Country with Water Nearby	Uses Shelf Nestbox Place on side of building or in tree
Starlings	6x6"	16-18"	20-24"	2"	14-16"	10-25'	Just about anywhere	
Titmice	4x4"	8-10"	12"	1 1/4"	7"	8-20'	Open Woods and Edges	Line with woodchips
Tree Swallow	5x5"	6"	10"	1 1/2"	4-5"	4-8'	Open Land near Ponds & Lakes	Nail piece of tree bark directly below entrance hole for young to climb in/out
Violet-green Swallow	5x5"	6"	10"	1 1/2"	4-5"	4-8'	Open Fields, Golf Courses, Pastures	Nail piece of tree bark directly below entrance hole for young to climb in/out
Western Bluebird	5x5"	8"	12"	1 1/2"	6-7"	4-6'	Open Meadows, Fields, Pastures	
White-breasted Nuthatch	4x4"	8-10"	12"	1 3/8"	7"	8-20'	Open Woods and Edges	Line with woodchips

Winter Wren	4x4"	6-8"	12"	1 1/4"	4-6"	6-10'	Open Fields and Thickets	
Wood Duck	12x12"	20-22"	24"	4"	12-16"	8-30'	Wooded Rivers or Marshes	Mount nestbox on post 3-4' above open water
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	5x5"	12-15"	12"	1 1/2"	12-16"	15-20'	Wooded Lakeshores and Marshes	Line with 3-4" of Woodchips