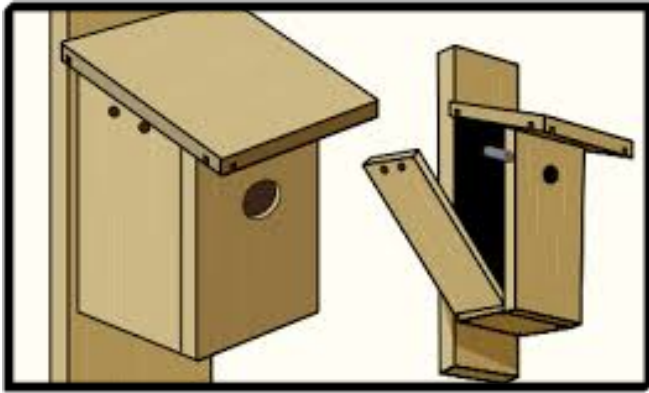


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Bird Box Workshop ,Feb 15, 2020



FEATURES OF A GOOD BIRDHOUSE

Use a **sloped roof** that overhangs the front by 5-10 cm. and sides by 2 cm.

Untreated wood. No paint or stain. Preferable wood is spruce or pine (good one side).

Create at least 4 **drainage holes** in the bottom to allow water that enters the bird house to drain away.

Drill 2-3 holes along each side to **vent** the bird house so the chicks do not overheat in hot weather.

A **rough interior wall** below the entrance hole helps nestlings climb out of the box.

BIRD HOUSE HOLE SIZE AND BOX HEIGHT

Bird	Hole Size(cm)	Box Height (m)
Chickadee	3.2	2-5
Nuthatch	3.2	3-5
Wren	3.2	2-3
Downy Woodpecker	3.2	3-6
Blue Bird	3.8	1-2
Tree Swallow	3.8	2-3

BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME

Welcome to the Land Trust Bird House Building workshop. A number of cavity nesting birds could call your bird box home(see the table below). Wrens, chickadees, nuthatches and downy woodpeckers could call your bird house home if you put it up along a forest edge and tree swallows and blue birds will use it if you put it up in an open field. Included in the handout are a few simple things to keep in mind when you are building and putting up your bird box.

BIRD BOX PLACEMENT

Make sure that your bird boxes are installed well before breeding season begins. For Haliburton that would be late March early April. Don't be discouraged if birds do not use them right away. It takes a while for birds to discover the boxes.

As a general rule have the hole of bird house facing East-South-East. The hole should not be facing the prevailing winds.

Remember to clean out your bird box each spring!

Refer to the table to decide how high your bird box should be from the ground.

Great info at these websites

www.nestwatch.org/learn/all-about-birdhouses/

www.hww.ca/en/things-you-can-do/action-and-awareness/

