

Siting, cleaning and caring for your bird box



Siting

Bird boxes should be securely placed on a tree or wall about 6 feet up with a clear flight path. Open faced boxes for robins/wrens should be tucked away in foliage lower to the ground.

Avoid places with prolonged exposure to sunlight to prevent overheating. Avoid places exposed to the wildest weather.

A nest box can be put up at any time but autumn is best as birds can use it for shelter and be ready for spring nesting. If the nest box has been unused for two years, make sure it is clean and find a different location.

Cleaning

The front of the nest box can be unscrewed and removed for easy cleaning. Simply screw it back on afterwards.

To prevent the spread of fleas, parasites and disease, a used nest is best removed from August at the earliest when the box is no longer in use. You may find unhatched eggs or dead young which will also need to be removed (along with the nest) and disposed of appropriately. After cleaning out with a brush, leaving the opened box in direct sunlight will help the UV rays to perform a naturally antiseptic function. Please do not use cleaning products, chemicals, insecticides or flea treatments.

Maintaining your box

Once the bird house has been fixed in place it is best left alone so as not to disturb any nesting birds when the breeding season commences. If you wish you may apply a coat of boiled linseed oil to the outside using a clean decorating brush or cloth. This has been done at manufacture and helps feed the wood as well as creating a water resistant coating. This protection helps with bird box longevity.

Ethos

This product has been designed to have minimal environmental impact with virtually no waste products.

What has been recycled? Where possible all the wood, metal, plastic or other materials used are recycled and would have gone to landfill or been burnt.

What has not been recycled? Nails, screws and glue where used.