

Siting, cleaning and caring for your insect house



Who uses it?

Pollinators and pest control insects such as ladybirds, lacewings, solitary bees (mason & leafcutter), wasps, beetles and spiders.

Siting

Insect houses should be securely placed on a tree, wall or flat solid surface. Avoid places with prolonged exposure to sunlight to prevent overheating. Avoid places exposed to the wildest weather. It can be put up at any time.

Cleaning

There is no need for cleaning but to help prevent the spread of parasites and disease you may wish to replace the bamboo pieces after a few years. After removing old bamboo/pinecones, leaving the house 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.

Maintenance

Once the insect house has been fixed in place it is best left alone. 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 wood 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.