Nest Box

House and Bewick’s Wrens; Black-capped, Mountain, Boreal, Chestnut-backed, and Carolina Chickadees; Juniper, Black-crested, Oak, Tufted, and Bridled Titmice; Pygmy, White-breasted, Red-breasted, and Brown-headed Nuthatches; Prothonotary and Lucy’s Warbler; and Flying Squirrel

Note: Entrance hole diameter is 1" for House Wrens, Lucy’s Warblers, Brown-headed Nuthatches, and Pygmy Nuthatches. Use 1 ½" diameter for all chickadees and Bewick’s Wren. Use 1¾" diameter for White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Prothonotary Warbler, all titmouse species, and Flying Squirrel. Entrance holes 1¼" and larger will admit House Sparrows so only use the larger diameter in heavily-wooded areas where there are few House Sparrows.

Two “pivot” nails allow side to swing out for cleaning.

Use a nail or screw at bottom to keep side closed.

Note: these dimensions are for ¼" thick board. Some cedar boards are ⅜" thick. If so, the floor must be 3¾" wide, not 4".

Lumber: 1” x 6” x 4’

Increase Your Chances of Nest Box Success!

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