



## Barn Owl Nest Box

BOX HEIGHT: 8' to 15'

LOCATION: In a tree, on a pole, on the side of a building, or inside a barn or other little-used portion of a building with easy access by the owls (example: attic area of an old barn)

HABITAT: Extensive open fields or orchards, open woodlands, open marshes

NESTING SEASON: Year-round, 2-3 clutches possible, 2-10+ eggs

### TIPS:

- Install in winter months (Nov-Feb) to allow birds to find and get used to the box
- Install to allow for access via ladder for annual cleanout
- If tree mounted, allow for growth – avoid nails or screws, use an adjustable cable system instead
- Plan for annual inspection and possible adjustment of cable attachment
- Avoid the use of pesticides
- Do not disturb the box once the nesting cycle starts





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## Barred Owl Nest Box

BOX HEIGHT: 10' to 20'

LOCATION: In mature deciduous tree. Opening can face any direction as long as birds have a clear flight path to the opening; a sturdy perch within a few feet is preferred, so that inexperienced young birds have a nice landing platform near the box opening

HABITAT: Wooded areas including yards and neighborhoods, near creeks, ponds or streams

NESTING SEASON: March to June, 1-4 eggs

### TIPS:

- Install in fall & winter months (Oct-Dec) to allow birds to find and get used to box
- Install to allow for access via ladder for annual cleanout
- If tree mounted, allow for growth – avoid nails or screws, use an adjustable cable system instead
- Plan for annual inspection and possible adjustment of cable attachment
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## Eastern Screech Owl Nest Box

BOX HEIGHT: 10' to 12'

LOCATION: In a mature tree

HABITAT: Wooded areas but avoid wetlands or areas with creeks & streams (which is the habitat of their predator, the Barred Owl)

NESTING SEASON: March to June, 2-5+ eggs

### TIPS:

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- Install to allow for access via ladder for annual cleanout
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- Plan for annual inspection and possible adjustment of cable attachment
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## American Kestrel Nest Box

BOX HEIGHT: 10' to 15'

LOCATION: On a utility pole or tall fence post, on the side of a building overlooking a field, on a mature tree along the edge of a field; opening facing south or east

HABITAT: Open fields or adjacent to fields with some perches available (occasional tree, fence posts, powerline, utility pole) or in open woodland

NESTING SEASON: April to August (2<sup>nd</sup> clutch is possible), 2-5 eggs

### TIPS:

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- Plan for annual inspection and possible adjustment of cable attachment
- Avoid the use of pesticides
- Do not disturb the box once the nesting cycle starts

