

BIRD HOUSING GUIDE



You can attract many new kinds of birds by adding housing to your bird habitat.

Watch as parents decide on the house they like best.

Only certain birds are cavity nesters. Here in the Thompson/Okanagan you may attract Swallows, Bluebirds, Chickadees, Nuthatches, Wrens and Sparrows. It is also possible for Woodpeckers, Owls, Flickers and certain Ducks to use a nesting box.

Useful Nesting Hints

- Always clean out boxes after each brood has fledged.
- Mount houses away from the wind.
- Birds will roost in empty nest boxes at night all year long.
- Keep houses in quiet areas of your yard.
- Offer nesting material.

Bird House Specifications for Specific Species

Name	Size of Floor	Height of Entrance Above Floor	Diameter of Hole	Height Above Ground	Habitat Preferences	Name	Size of Floor	Height of Entrance Above Floor	Diameter of Hole	Height Above Ground	Habitat Preferences	
Tree Swallow	4" x 4"	6" - 7"	1 1/4"	6' - 7'	Woods	Woodpeckers	7" x 7"	10" - 20"	2 1/2"	10' - 20'	Woods	
Viol.Green Swallow	4" x 4"	6" - 7"	1 1/2"	6' - 7'	N. Flicker							
Chickadee	4" x 4"	4" - 6"	1 1/8"	6' - 10'	Lewis							
Nuthatch	4" x 4"	6" - 8"	1 1/4"	12' - 20'	Downy							
House Wren	4" x 4"	4" - 6"	1 1/8"	6' - 10'	Hairy							
Winter Wren	4" x 4"	4" - 6"	1 1/2"	6' - 12'	Woods	Bluebirds	5" x 5"	6" - 7"	1 1/2"	4' - 6'	Fence rows & Fields	
Gt. Horned Owl	8" x 8"	9" - 12"	3"	10' - 20'	Woods							Mountain
N. Saw Whet	8" x 8"	10" - 12"	3" - 4"	5' - 20'	Woods							Western
Wood Duck	12" x 12"	10" - 18"	4"	20'	Woods by Water							
Hd. Merganser	12" x 12"	16" - 18"	4"	10'	Woods by Water							



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