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Give birds a home

With the loss of habitat, holes and hideaways where birds can shelter and raise a family are harder and harder to find.

Bird boxes

Natural nest holes do not come in standard sizes, so nest boxes can be found with different size openings, more information is in the table below, along with some more instructions...



Bird	Entrance hole	Height from ground	Further directions
Blue, coal and marsh tits	25 mm	2 - 4m	
Great tits, tree sparrows and pied flycatchers	28 mm	3 - 5m	
House sparrows	32 mm	2 - 4m	Colonial nesters, happy to nest next to one another.
Nuthatches	32 mm	2 - 4m	The nuthatch will plaster mud around the entrance, side and roof of the nest cavity.
Starlings	45 mm	2 - 4m	Colonial nesters, happy to nest next to one another.
Blackbirds, pied wagtails and robins	Open front	Below 2m	Sheltered by vegetation but with a clear outlook.

Important information

- All bird boxes should be placed facing between north and east to avoid strong sunlight and the wettest winds.
- The entrance should be angled vertically or slightly downward to prevent rain from entering the box.
- There should be a clear flight path to the box entrance.
- Boxes should be cleaned out every autumn, they may be used during the winter for roosting and hopefully in the spring for raising young!

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