

Nest Box Dimensions from "Woodworking for Wildlife" by Carrol L. Henderson

SPECIES	FLOOR	BOX HEIGHT	ENTRANCE ABOVE FLOOR	ENTRANCE HOLE	HEIGHT ABOVE GROUND
Robin, Phoebe, Barn Swallow*	7" x 8"	8"	----	----	6 - 10'
Barn Owl	11 1/4" x 36"	15 3/4"	4"	6"	20 - 25'
Barred Owl	13" x 11 1/2"	23"	12"	7" x 7" with top rounded	20-30' within 200' of water
Bluebird & Great Crested Flycatcher; Violet-Green and Tree Swallows	4" x 5 1/2"	9"	6"	1 3/8" w x 2 1/4" h	5 - 6'
Chickadee, House Wren, Nuthatch, Prothonotary Warbler	4" x 5 1/2"	8"	5 7/8"	1 1/8"	4-15'
Northern Flicker	4 1/4" x 7 1/4"	24"	17 3/4"	2 1/2"	10 - 20'
Osprey*	40" x 40"	----	----	----	15 - 25'
Purple Martin	25" x 25"	6"	1"	2 1/4"	10 - 18'
Red-Tailed Hawk* & Great Horned Owl*	3' x 3' chicken wire - construct cone, line with tar paper and wire sticks in bottom. Place in tree crotch and wire in place.				15 - 20'
Screech Owl and Kestrel	9 1/4" x 7 3/4"	16"	10"	3"	10-30'
Wood Duck, Hooded Merganser, Common Goldeneye	8" x 7 3/4"	24"	18"	4" wide x 3" high	3' above high water
Pileated Woodpecker, Common Merganser	11 1/4" x 9 3/4 "	24"	17"	4" Pileated 6"x5" C. Merg	20-30' P 12-17' CM

* These birds prefer a nesting platform, not an enclosed box.

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