

BIRD BOXES

With the decline of natural nesting sites, locating bird boxes/nest boxes can be a boon to breeding birds. In addition, some species such as the wren are known to use bird boxes for communal roosting in the winter.

Bird boxes will be placed the shade of buildings or trees. If this isn't possible then boxes will face between north and east, so it's sheltered from the strongest sunlight and rain.

Nest boxes will be sited with the front tilted slightly downwards to shed rain and will have drainage holes in their bases. Positions will be selected to provide cover where possible but with clear flight paths maintained.

Nest boxes will be placed between 1.5 and 2 m above the ground in order to attract many of the most common species of birds and ensures the box is out of the reach of predators. This will also aid access for cleaning and maintenance at the end of breeding season.

A typical pattern for the boxes as shown below will be utilised.

All boxes will be routinely inspected and maintained in a useable condition.

A programme of cleaning maintenance will be established outside of the breeding season for bird boxes. Any damaged boxes will be replaced promptly.

