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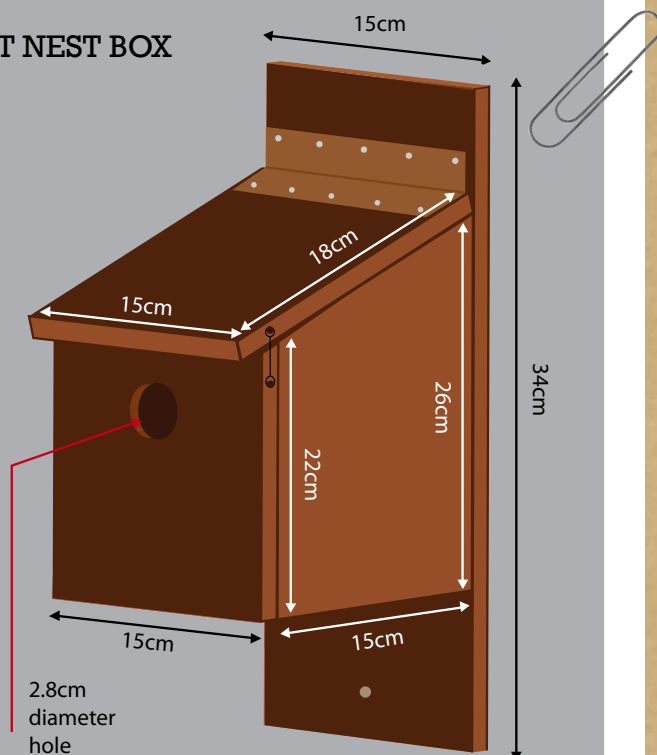
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A NEST BOX FOR TITS

What you need:

- 2 pieces of wood 26cm x 15cm x 5mm thick
- 1 piece of wood 34cm x 15cm x 5mm thick
- 1 piece of wood 22cm x 15cm x 5mm thick with a 2.5 – 2.8cm diameter hole
- 1 piece of wood 15cm x 15cm x 5mm thick
- 1 piece of wood 18cm x 1cm x 5mm thick
- A strip of old leather or canvas for lid hinge
- Some carpet tacks
- An eyehook
- A wood saw
- Some nails and a hammer or
- Some screws, a screwdriver and a drill

TIT NEST BOX

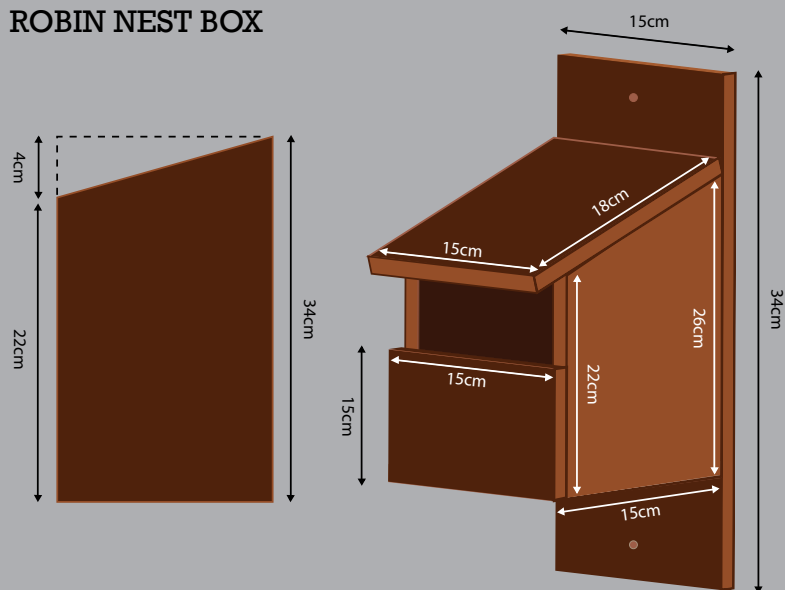


A NEST BOX FOR ROBINS

What you need:

- 2 pieces of wood 26cm x 15cm x 5mm thick
- 1 piece of wood 15cm x 18cm x 5mm thick
- 1 piece of wood 34cm x 15cm x 5mm thick
- 2 pieces of wood 15cm x 15cm x 5mm thick
- Some nails and a hammer or
- Some screws, a screwdriver and a drill

ROBIN NEST BOX



OTHER NEST SITES FOR BIRDS

What you need:

- Some old assorted pieces of wood
- Wire mesh or wire netting
- Nails, a hammer



MAKING ARTIFICIAL NEST SITES

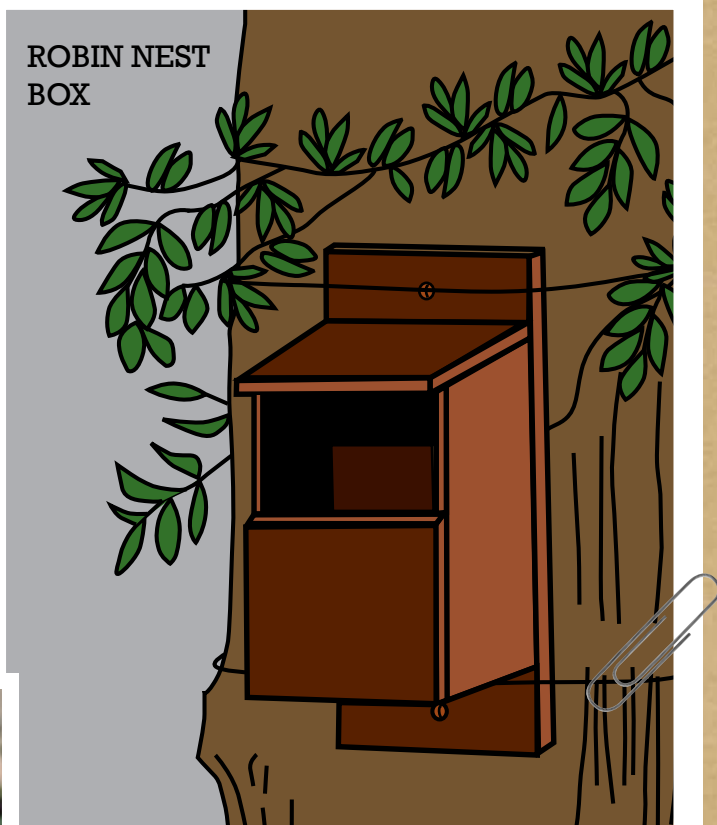
Not all birds will want to build nests in boxes, but by erecting some simple platforms or ledges under the eaves of buildings, you may be lucky enough to encourage house martins or swifts to build nests. The pictures show some simple ledges that can easily be made.

Boxes should be sited on walls or trees out of reach of cats and away from full sunshine and prevailing weather (facing North is best). The open fronted box is best partly hidden by foliage as Robins like some privacy. The boxes should be in position in winter long before the nesting season as this allows the birds to become used to them.

Once the birds have moved in, resist the temptation to keep looking in the box, as this will disturb the birds. A very occasional look inside made when parents are out will tell you how far things have progressed.

At the end of the nesting season, when you are sure that the boxes are no longer in use, take out the old nests and examine them.

ROBIN NEST BOX

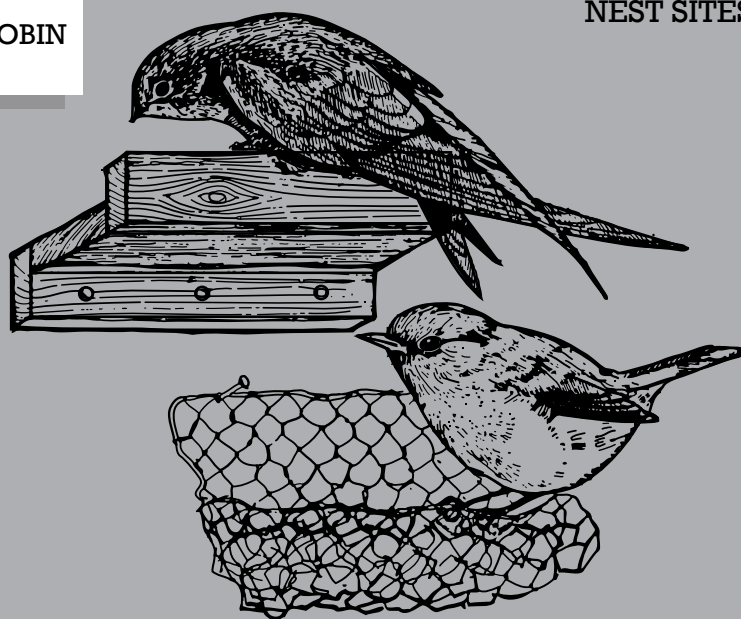


BLUE TIT



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OTHER BIRD NEST SITES



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