

## Bird House Assembly Project



### Bird House Facts

Bird houses will be used for nesting and for roosting during poor weather. There are many shapes and sizes. The one you are assembling would be great for Chickadees, House Wrens, Tree swallows and even Bluebirds.

Once they are completed they can be mounted:

- on a tree or post and should be about 1,5 metres (5 feet) high
- not be close to bird feeders and baths (they like privacy)
- facing east – away from the prevailing winds we get. (not as important)
- in an upright position or leaning very slightly forward.
- Finally, be sure you clean out nests after the young have fledged (left the nest)

These birds are usually not too fussy. A. opening of 2.5 cm (1.5 inches) is good for many species.

The list below gives general entrance sizes but most of these birds will nest in the houses you are making.

- Black-capped Chickadee - 1 1/8 inches (2.85 cm)
- House Wren - 1 1/4 inches (3.2 cm)
- Eastern Bluebird- 1 1/2 inches (3.8 cm)
- Tree Swallow - 1 3/8 inches (3.5 cm)
- House Finch - 2 inches (5.1 cm)

### Nesting Materials

Nature is best. You can put out stashes of nesting materials but it is mostly not necessary.

If you wish you could provide dead twigs, dead leaves, dry grass (pesticide free), plant fluff (Cattails, Cottonwood), moss, Pine needles.

Avoid: plastic strips, tinsel, cellophane, dryer lint.

Thank you for taking time to help our birds. Please post a photograph of the finished birdhouse on social media and tag Southampton Rotary Club.