

Figs. 6, 8, and 9, the former having the reputation of being cat proof, and the latter being preferred by Owls.

For Robins, Swallows and Phœbes, a box or shelf should be provided, having the front end and top or all sides open as shown in Fig. 7, where two sides are given. These should be erected under a verandah or eave.

A nesting box can be made with a tomato can by fitting in the open end a round piece of wood with a hole in it. Such boxes are very cheap, but they will not be accepted where there are other nesting holes to be found.

There are many nesting boxes exposed for sale, and doubtless many will be accepted by the birds, but in order to have any degree of success they must be made correctly in accordance with long experience, and the Canadian Society for the Protection of Birds, Toronto, will be pleased to offer suggestions to either those who propose to purchase or construct boxes themselves.

The table of nesting box dimensions below was issued by the Department of Agriculture at Washington, and it is recommended for boxes used in Canada.

DIMENSIONS OF NESTING BOXES

Species	Floor of Cavity	Depth of Cavity	Entrance above Floor	Diameter of Entrance	Height above Ground
	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Feet
Bluebird.....	5 x 5	8	6	1½	5 to 10
Robin.....	6 x 8	8	*	*	6 to 15
Chickadee.....	4 x 4	8 to 10	8	1 1½	6 to 15
Whitebreasted Nuthatch....	4 x 4	8 to 10	8	1 1½	12 to 20
House Wren.....	4 x 4	6 to 8	1 to 6	*	6 to 12
Barn Swallow.....	6 x 6	6	*	*	8 to 12
Martin.....	6 x 6	6	1	2½	15 to 20
Song Sparrow.....	6 x 6	6	**	**	1 to 3
Phœbe.....	6 x 6	6	*	*	8 to 12
Crested Flycatcher.....	6 x 6	8 to 10	8	2	8 to 20
Red-headed Woodpecker....	6 x 6	12 to 15	12	2	12 to 20
Screech Owl.....	8 x 8	12 to 15	12	8	10 to 30
Barn Owl.....	10 x 18	15 to 18	4	6	17 to 18
Flicker.....	7 x 7	16 to 18	16	2½	6 to 20
Hairy Woodpecker.....	6 x 6	12 to 15	12	1½	12 to 20
Downy Woodpecker.....	4 x 4	8 to 10	8	1½	6 to 20

* One or more sides open.

** All sides open.

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