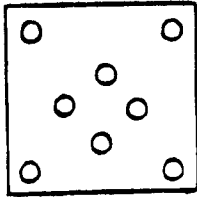


SCREECH OWL / KESTREL NEST BOX

USE 3/4" CDX PLYWOOD OR 3/4" PINE PLANKING

SCREECH OWL/KESTREL NEST BOX INSTRUCTIONS

-Drill eight 1/4" drain holes through nest box floor.



-We recommend painting the finished nest box to retard deterioration. A latex stain works well; do not use oil stain as this often leaves an oily film and gives off fumes. If box is placed in direct sunlight, use a light colored stain to reduce interior temperature.

-For Screech Owls, place the box 12-30 feet high on a tree with a single trunk and with no other trees within the jumping distance of squirrels. Use 1/4" diameter, 2"-3" long lag bolts to mount boxes.

-Place about 2 inches of pine shavings (available at pet stores) in bottom of nest box. Do not use cedar shavings as they are too acidic and can irritate the skin of young birds.

-Under the nest box, wrap the tree with a 20" wide piece of aluminum flashing to prevent squirrels from using the nest box and to deter raccoon and weasel predation. Latex stain can be applied to flashing for appearance.

-The nest box should be cleaned every summer and the pine shavings should be replaced.

-Flying squirrels and many species of birds may also use this box.