

THE COMMUNITY WILDLIFE PROJECT

BACKYARD NEST BOX PROJECT

WHY ARE NESTING/ROOSTING BOXES NEEDED?

Each year literally thousands of acres of wildlife habitat are being lost or converted to meet our growing need for such things as housing, transportation, and food. Cavity nesting birds have been especially impacted by these habitat changes. With each passing year, it is becoming more difficult for cavity nesting birds to find a place to nest. In fact, in most areas in Georgia, there are simply not enough cavities to go around. We can all help alleviate this housing shortage by erecting one or more nesting boxes on our property.

For additional information regarding the best places to erect boxes and the best bluebird box designs, go to your computer's search engine and type in Out My Backdoor Archive. This will bring up an archive of all of the *Out My Backdoor Columns* that have appeared in the GeorgiaWild enews letter. There you will find two columns that deal with the proper design and location of nesting boxes. These columns are: *Erecting Nest Box in November Good Idea* (No 17), and *What's the Best Bluebird Box Design* (February 2012).

COUNTY: _____ DISTRICT: _____

NAME OF GARDEN CLUB: _____

Is anyone else in your neighborhood erecting bird nesting structures? _____
If so, how many others are doing so? _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

If you have any questions relating to this application, please contact Melissa Hayes at 478-994-1438 (email - melissa.hayes@dnr.ga.gov) or Terry Johnson at 478-994-2568 (email - tjwoodduck@bellsouth.net).

Return the application to: The Community Wildlife Project, Wildlife Conservation Section, 116 Rum Creek Drive, Forsyth, Georgia 31029.

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Please indicate the number of nest boxes you have erected in your yard for each of the species listed below.

Eastern Bluebird - _____

Carolina Wren - _____

Tufted Titmouse - _____

Brown-headed Nuthatch - _____

Great Crested Flycatcher - _____

Wood Duck - _____

Purple Martin - _____

Tree Swallow - _____

Prothonotary Warbler - _____

E. Screech Owl - _____

Barred Owl - _____

American Robin* - _____

Eastern Phoebe* - _____

White-breasted Nuthatch - _____

Carolina Chickadee - _____

House Wren - _____

American Kestrel - _____

Mourning Dove* - _____

Barn Swallow* - _____

Northern Flicker - _____

Osprey** - _____

Chimney Swift ***- _____

Bats - _____

Other Species (List Each) _____

* This species will build on a nesting shelf attached to a building.

** This species will nest on a nesting platform placed atop a pole.

*** This species will only nest in a chimney that is not capped.

It should be noted it is difficult to attract woodpeckers to nesting boxes. However, they will commonly use them as winter roost sites.