

**Registration And Warranty Information**

**Purple Martin Bird House Warranty**  
**Limited Manufacturers Defect Warranty**

S&K Manufacturing, Inc. warrants its Bird House to be free of Material or Workmanship defects for a period of one year from date of purchase. S&K Manufacturing, Inc. extends its warranty to a Lifetime Limited Warranty on the Bird House when the Bird House is used with an S&K Manufacturing, Inc. EXRP19, RP19, or Tri-Tri-Quad-Tel Pole or any S&K Manufacturing, Inc. Pole Adapter(s). This Warranty is limited to replacement or repair of the defective Bird House part. Customer must pay only \$14.95 S/H charges. In all cases your Warranty Application must be filled out in full by the buyer within 30 days of purchase and on file with S&K Mfg. Inc. for any warranty to apply. (Proof of Purchase Receipt Required) **WARRANTY DOES NOT INCLUDE WEATHER RELATED ISSUES AND ACTS OF GODS**

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# INSTRUCTIONS

**AB S&K** 11014V1  
**MANUFACTURING, INC.**

S&K American Barn Martin House

**Engineering Note: After all the pieces of the S&K American Barn are correctly assembled the house will become VERY SOLID.**

**IF ANY ITEMS ARE DISCOVERED MISSING CALL 1-800-764-8688 OR EMAIL SALES@SKMFG.COM**

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*The EXRP19 is the Pole Needed for the American Barn Purple Martin House*

*The Pole is sold Separately*



**Parts Included in this Box**

• 4 Door Dividers

• 4 Wall Dividers

Attic Room Divider

Attic Bell Curve Side Wall

This Piece NOT USED

Attic Room Divider

Attic Floor

• 2 Pillar Dividers

• 2 Floors

• 1 Bag 34 White Snaps

• 4 Perches

**HELPFUL HINTS: MAINTENANCE TIPS:** The American Barn Martin House can be painted with Fusion® paint to change the color of the house. For easy cleaning of the roof, apply RainX® or Armor All®. This allows the rain to rinse the roof easily.

**NESTING HELP:** Adding a small amount of pine needles/straw into each martin compartment of the American Barn Martin House gives the Purple Martins a start in getting their nests prepared

**Purple Martin Basics**

You and many others today share your love of the martin with many past generations of people who have lived on this continent. S&K Manufacturing has the latest in technology and innovation in purple martin housing. We want to improve your chances of attracting this magnificent bird with some background on purple martins and their present day requirements.

**HISTORY:**The purple martin's association with man goes back many years to the days when Native Americans hung gourds out for them. People later started erecting multi-compartment units in hopes of attracting this wonderful bird, and eventually martin houses made of other materials and plastic gourds began to be manufactured. Over the years martins in the entire section of the United States east of the Rocky Mountains have become totally dependent on man for nesting sites. Since the fate of these beautiful birds is now in our hands, it is extremely important that we provide adequate housing in which they can raise their young, and also that we can properly manage it.

Purple Martins migrate from the Amazon Valley in Brazil northward to North America. This means primarily all the states east of the Rock Mountain Chain, approximately 37 states and parts of the 6 Canadian provinces. Migrating up to 7,000 miles (see Map).



Please refer to the purple martin map to see when purple martins will be migrating to your area.

Migration Time Table: 5 months in the nesting Area, 3 months in Brazil, and 4 months in migration.

**LOCATING HOUSING:** Often people with good intentions purchase a martin house, barn or gourds, wanting to attract this bird, but they aren't adequately prepared to be responsible landlords. You should be aware of some facts to better your chances of being successful. One important piece of knowledge is that the martin has natural predators, such as owls, hawks, snakes, and raccoons; predator guards can be obtained for use on the housing to help prevent them from killing the martins. You should also erect your housing in the most open area available. Martins will not inhabit a house placed under a tree because of the threat of owls, hawks, and other possible predators. It is recommended that the housing be at least 40-60 feet from any trees taller than the housing. Martins feel a sense of protection being close to people, so place your housing close to human dwellings in a place that offers adequate open area with enough room and time for them to be able to flee when they see aerial predators.

**KEEPING YOUR COLONY:** What can you as a martin landlord do to prevent this destruction from occurring at your martin colony? The key to getting and keeping a successful martin

colony is to manage it properly. Since we at S&K Manufacturing, Inc. are concerned about the future of the purple martin, we have designed our new line of housing to help you successfully manage a martin colony. Our sturdy poles allow for lowering of the housing and therefore easy inspection to monitor the progress of each martin family and ensure that all is going well. The newly enlarged compartments in the house and larger size of the gourds promote better breeding success of the martins; they tend to raise more babies when provided with roomier nesting cavities. In addition to the improvements already mentioned, another new feature is the crescent-shaped entrance holes that keep out virtually all starlings. In very rare instances, a starling that is smaller than normal might be able to enter the cavities; however, this is by far the exception. Although the entrance holes will prevent all or mostly all starlings from entering the cavities meant for martins, they will not deter house sparrows; this is because of the smaller size of these birds. A responsible martin colony manager, however, can and should be vigilant about keeping them out of the housing. No bird except purple martins should be allowed in the martin house, barn or gourds. Martins, in all likelihood, will not nest in housing in which another species has already established its territory; the martins will be chased off by the other birds. If you notice any birds other than martins trying to lay claim to the housing, plug up the holes if you don't yet have martins and force the birds to go elsewhere. If they are native birds like Bluebirds and Tree Swallows, put up separate housing for them. But you should never allow house sparrows or starlings to get started building nests in houses or gourds that are much needed by the purple martin, whose population has dwindled in the past century. Law protects the purple martin, being native to this continent, but not the English house sparrow and European starling. Most people just simply are not aware of what damage these two non-native species are doing to our native cavity-nesting birds and ecosystem.

**A FINAL THOUGHT:** As you can see by now, there is more to being a successful martin landlord than merely buying a house, barn and/or gourds, putting them up and letting nature take its course. Your interest in Purple Martins already demonstrates your desire to attract purple martins. We have provided you with the latest in housing design and web site links to help you accomplish your goal of having a healthy and thriving purple martin colony that will last for years. It is our recommendation that your next step be to use available resources such as the internet or recent editions of books on this bird. Knowledge goes a long way toward attracting purple martins and having them return to your location year after year. Reading about them and sharing your hobby with others will tremendously help the purple martin in its fight for survival. Our best wishes in your endeavors, S&K Manufacturing, Inc.

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