

WINDOW NEST BOX

BACKYARD SONGBIRDS



Chickadees and Wrens are just two familiar songbirds suitable for the Coveside Window Nest Box. Chickadees are insect eaters belonging to the Titmouse family, though in winter they may largely depend on seeds and berries. They are adept at foraging for insect eggs and larvae from twigs and bark, which accounts for their active hopping and climbing around on trees in order to spot their food from all angles. Since their natural means of creating a nesting cavity is to excavate a hole in a rotting tree, a nest box will be more attractive to them if wood chips are placed inside. Fresh wood chips should be provided before each nesting cycle.

Wrens are tiny birds with big voices and uplifted tails and are common throughout most of North America. These nervous little bundles of energy are quick to accept a nesting box for a home. The male wren will stuff a house with twigs, nearly enough to exclude himself, and then sometimes build a nest in another nearby house or cavity. When the female arrives, she chooses the nest she likes best and lines it with grasses before laying 5 to 6 speckled eggs in it. Wrens are often year-round residents, and feed primarily on insects.

MOUNTING YOUR WINDOW NEST BOX

1. Clean the included, four suction cups and your window immediately before installation. Lightly moisten the suction cups with a scarce amount of kitchen oil. Use the four suction cups to mount the box to the window for a secure display.
2. Birds ultimately prefer an inconspicuous nest box, and your Coveseide nest box has not been painted or stained. Its natural light color will help keep the box cool in summer. Over time the outside will darken, turn gray, and eventually blend in with the environment. This nest box should provide a lasting, snug nesting cavity, if simply cleaned after each nesting cycle.
3. Should you wish to paint or stain, it is important to use only a water-based (acrylic) product and only on the outside of the house. Do not use petroleum-based paints or stains as they can be toxic to birds. It is also important not to use too dark a color, as this can cause the interior to become too hot for nestlings. To help feathered friends, try to leave dead trees on your property standing whenever possible. They may look unsightly to the uninformed eye, but will provide an oasis of natural bird food and lodging.



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