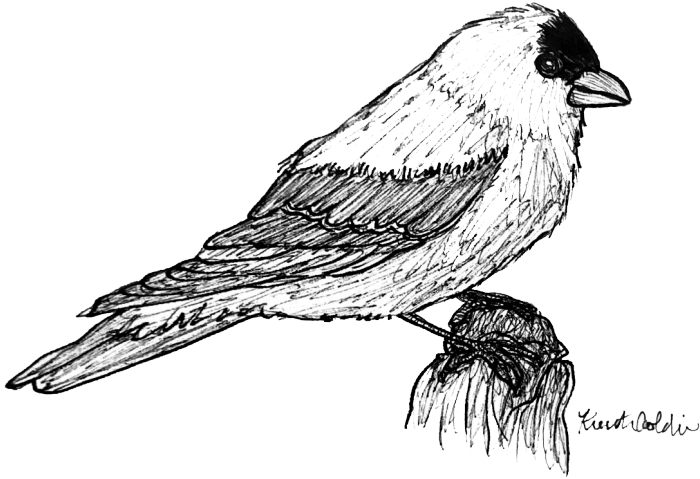


# BACKYARD BIRD HOUSE



This Backyard Bird House provides a natural and safe nesting location for a variety of different birds. Bluebirds, woodpeckers, wrens, and chickadees are among the most common inhabitants of this practical shelter.

Bluebirds are primarily insectivores and eat many insects that humans consider to be pests. These birds are strictly cavity nesters, and in the absence of natural nesting cavities, they require man-made nest boxes.

The best height for attracting bluebirds is 3' to 5' above the ground to avoid predators. It should also face east for results, away from prevailing winds to prevent rain from driving through the entrance hole. Nests of sparrows, starlings, and other competing species should be cleaned out of your bluebird house on a regular basis.

One of the best things you can do for woodpeckers is to avoid cutting down dead trees or dead branches whenever possible, as dead trees provide woodpeckers with insects.

Wrens are tiny birds with big voices and uplifted tails, and are common throughout most of North America. Their bubbling whistle may be heard in shrubs, bushes, farmyards, gardens, orchards, and parks. These small birds favor thickets and undergrowth, while some prefer marshy areas.

# MOUNTING YOUR BIRD HOUSE

1. On the back of the house is a metal hanger at the top and a pre-drilled hole at the bottom. Put a nail or screw into the side of a tree or post, leaving the head sticking out about 1/4". Place the metal hanger over the nail or screw.
2. Put another nail or screw through the pre-drilled hole at the bottom of the rear panel and into the tree or post in order to fasten the house securely.
3. Should you wish to paint or stain, it is critical to only use water-based stain or paint. Oil-based paints and stains are toxic to birds. It is also important to stay away from dark colors that may cause the nest box to become too hot for nestlings. A light, seasonal, external coating of boiled linseed oil is a highly effective non-toxic preservative.



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