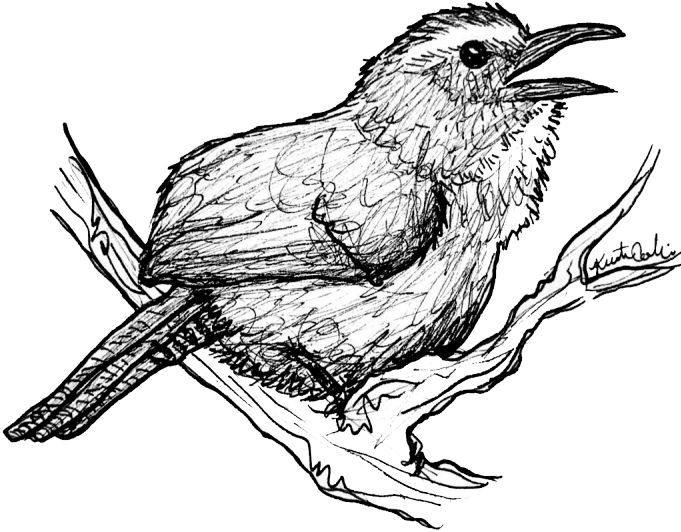


# CAROLINA WREN BIRD HOUSE



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 like thickets and undergrowth, while some favor marshy areas. The wren sports an endearing, exuberant personality, but is sometimes not the best neighbor to fellow wrens and other songbirds, as they may visit their nests and pierce their eggs.

Wrens feed primarily on insects, but they may be attracted to a feeder by suet, peanut butter, and sunflower seeds. They prefer living in thickets and swampy areas, as well as on rocky slopes covered with brush. These energetic birds are quick to acclimate to a nesting box for a home, and a house with a small entrance protects the house wren and its family from the dangers most nesting birds encounter.

Most birds prefer a house that is securely mounted to a post or tree, but wrens often like a hanging house. Hang this house 4' to 10' high on a tree, post, or building. These friendly birds will live near human habitation and prefer suburban yards or open areas with trees and shrubs nearby.

# MOUNTING YOUR WREN HOUSE

1. Slip the chain of the hanging wren house over a tree branch or bracket for simple placement. This lightweight house features ventilation holes under the roof line and an easily opening side panel for cleanout. Be sure that the wrens are gone for the season, or tip the house to the side before opening so the nest won't fall out during cleaning and maintenance.
2. This wren house is constructed of eastern white pine. No paint or stain is used, as these are toxic to birds. The pine's rough finish gives fledglings a foothold when they are ready to climb out of the nest, and the house will weather to a natural, gray color over time to blend in with outdoor surroundings.
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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