

SMALL WINTER ROOST



The Small Winter Roost makes an ideal dwelling for a variety of songbirds, and its 1.5" diameter entryway is suitable for bluebirds and small woodpeckers. Woodpeckers do not bring in nesting material, so placing 1" to 2" of wood chips in the nest box may help to attract them. Fresh wood chips should be provided for each nesting season. One of the best things you can do for woodpeckers is to avoid cutting down dead trees or dead branches, as dead trees provide insects and nesting places.

Bluebirds are strictly cavity nesters, relying on man-made nesting boxes in the absence of natural nesting cavities. For best success attracting bluebirds, place it in an open area with scattered trees, particularly with low branches. Heavy ground cover will interfere with their ability to find insects.

The best height for attracting bluebirds is 3' to 5' above the ground to avoid predators. The box should face east for best results, away from prevailing winds to prevent rain from driving through the entrance hole.

MOUNTING YOUR WINTER ROOST

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. 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 box securely.
2. 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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