



Siting Your Nest Box

Thank you for purchasing a nest box from Raptor Aid. Not only are you supporting the valuable work we do with the charity but you are making a positive impact on wildlife and birds of prey in your area. Siting and putting your nest box up couldn't be easier, just follow the simple steps below.

Note: We no longer provide fixing (e.g screws) as we recommend people use what they feel works best for where they are attaching the box. We advise using screws or coach bolts no shorter than 75mm. If you are struggling, please contact us for advice.

1. Pick a suitable tree or building* in a good habitat for the species your box is designed for (See individual species advice sheet provided). Ideally, the front of the box should face away from any prevailing weather and be 12-15ft above the ground.

**Fixing to a building will require alternative fixture – not provided*

2. Take the fixing plate from the box and fasten this to a flat edge of the tree or building using screws, coach bolts or nails of a suitable length. Make sure the fixing plate groove is at the top and the correct way round to hang the box on. You don't have to use the fixing plate though, boxes such as the Barn owl box can also be sat in the V of a tree or on a beam within a building.
3. Carefully lift the box up to the fixing plate and hang in position using the groove provided and lining up the fastening bolts provided. We advise for the larger boxes getting assistance to pull the box up into the tree using a rope over a higher branch whilst someone else fixes it in place.
4. Once the box is fastened in place make sure you put a substrate in the bottom. Approx. 3-4 inches deep of compost soil is the best option and gives the birds something to lay their eggs on.
5. Boxes can be annually given a coat of animal safe wood preserver before winter (Cuprinol is safe). The great thing with our Aluminium roof paint is it doesn't need another coat and Duraply timber doesn't have to be treated. We have boxes that have been out for 5 years and look the same as the day they went up with no preserver added.

Any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us for advice

