



- ▶ Nail on fence post, post or garage about 3 to 10 feet above the ground
- ▶ Face house in east or north direction if possible
- ▶ Place 200 feet apart if you only want to attract bluebirds
- ▶ Placing two birdhouses back-to-back or within 12 feet of one another will help decrease the competition for nesting and help the bluebird be more successful in nesting

## **OTHER BIRDS THAT COULD NEST IN THIS BOX**

Black-capped Chickadee  
Mountain Chickadee  
Violet-green Swallow  
Tree Swallow  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Downy Woodpecker  
House Sparrow (discourage if possible, pull out nesting materials)

## **BLUEBIRD HOUSE GENERAL INFORMATION**

Hole size -- 1 9/16"  
Cavity size -- 5" x 5"  
Depth of cavity -- 6"-8" from bottom of hole to floor  
House must be able to be opened for cleaning  
To clean house -- loosen front screw enough to release side of house so it can swing out  
To observe birds -- loosen top screw and remove lid

## **BIRDS & BEASLEYS NESTBOX TIPS**

Use screws for construction, not nails  
Cedar makes the best nestbox



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## A Nest-Box Plan for Western and Mountain Bluebirds

*This is a fairly easy box to build. The large roof provides extra protection from rain and predators.*

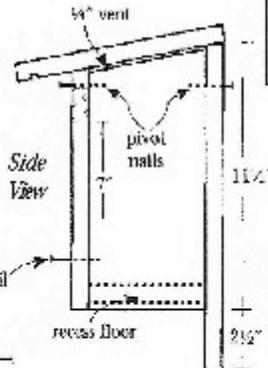
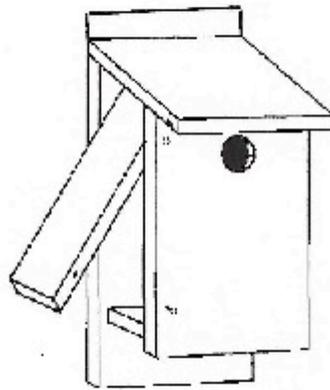
### Materials List

Cut from wood  $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick:

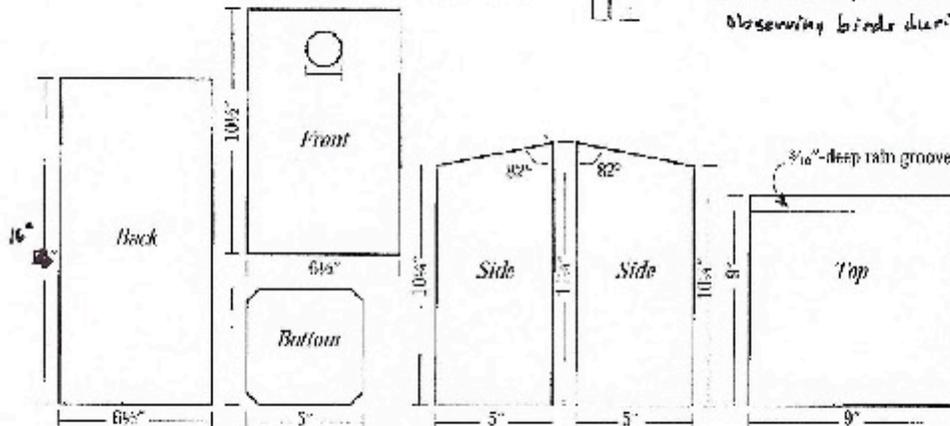
Top (w x h)	9" x 9"
Front	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Back	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14"
Sides (2)	5" x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Bottom	5" x 5"

### Hole diameter:

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for Western Bluebirds  
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " for Mountain Bluebirds



← could also put pivot nails on bottom so door opens from the top. Better if observing birds during nesting



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