



## GIVE A BIRD A HOME!

November to January are perfect times to put up nest boxes in our gardens. Our gardens provide a rich diversity of habitat and food for birds and some extra nesting sites will be welcomed by them.

Your boxes should be fixed to trees, posts or walls 2m – 4m (6ft-12ft) from the ground to avoid disturbance from humans and cats. Face the entrance out of the prevailing wind (blowing from south and west) and the sun and the rain.

Attract different species with various types of box: a box with a circular entrance suits tits, with different diameter holes for different ones; robins like an open-fronted box; sparrows are sociable and choose a terrace or a highrise flat.

Generally keep the nesting area away from bird feeding tables, they enjoy the privacy from other birds! Consider putting up a box with a camera inside so you can watch them building nests, hatching and feeding on your TV or computer.

If you haven't already done so, clean out existing boxes now and sterilise with boiling water now. In future wait until the end of the breeding season in August before you 'autumn-clean' your boxes.

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