

Bird House Dimension and Placement

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Species	Specifications					
	Inches				Feet Above Ground	Preferred Habitat
	Entrance		Floor Dimensions	House Depth		
	Diameter	Above Floor				
Bluebird	1 ½	6-7	5 x 5	8-9	5-10	Open field with perches
Chickadee, black capped	1 ½	6-8	4 x 4	8-10	5-15	Woodland with perches
" Carolina	1 ½	6-8	4 x 4	8-10	6-15	Woodland
Flicker	2 ½	14-16	7 x 7	16-18	6-20	Woodland
Fly catcher, great crested	2	6-8	6 x 6	8-10	8-20	Woodland
Kestrel	3	9-12	8 x 8	12-15	10-30	Open field
Martin, purple	2 ½*	18	6 X 6*	6*	15-20	Open fields AWAY from trees & near water
Nuthatch, white-breasted	1 ¼	6-8	4 x 4	8-10	12-20	Woodland
Owl, barred	7 x 7 arch	12	12 x 12	23	20-23	Woodland
" screech-	3	9-12	8 x 8	12-15	10-30	
" barn	6 x 6	6	12 x 36	15-18	20-25	
Phoebe	Open front & sides		7 x 7	8	8-12	Backyard
Robin	Open front & sides		7 x 7	8	8-12	Backyard
Swallow, tree	1 ½	1-5	5 x 5	6	6-10	Open field near water
Titmouse, tufted	1 ¼	6-8	4 x 4	8-10	6-15	Woodland edge & interior
Warbler, prothonotary	1 ½	6	5 x 5	8	5-10	Over and near water
Woodpecker, downy	1 ¼	6-8	4 x 4	8-10	6-20	Woodland interior
" hairy	1 ½	9-12	6 x 6	12-15	12-20	
" red-bellied	2 ½	10-12	6 x 6	12-14	12-20	
" red-headed	2	9-12	6 x 6	12-15	12-20	
Wren, Carolina	1 ½	4-6	4 x 4	6-8	5-10	Near brushy areas & backyards
" house	1 ¼	4-6	4 x 4	6-8	5-10	

*These are the dimensions for one compartment. Martins nest in colonies; therefore, martin houses should have a minimum of six self-contained apartments.

Removing unwanted species such as starlings and house sparrows will increase your chances for nesting success.