

APPROVED OWL NEST-BOX DESIGNS

Barn Owl
Spotted Eagle Owl
African Wood Owl



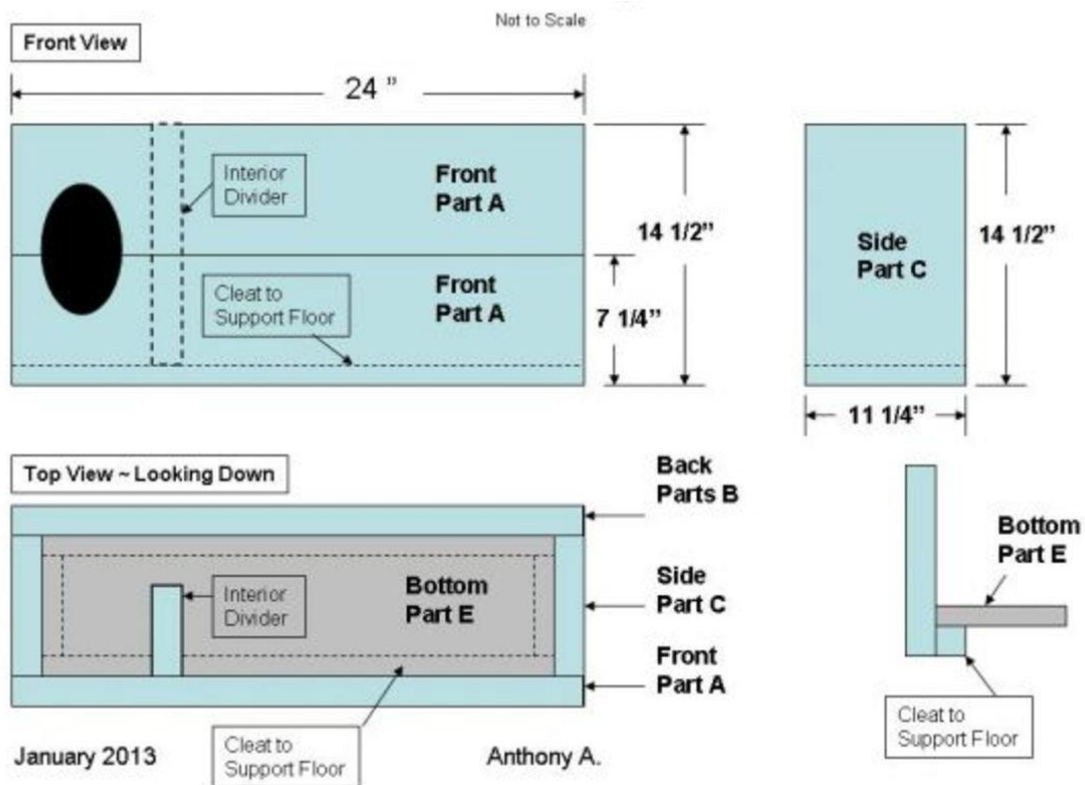
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Barn Owl Nest Box

For the Barn Owl we advise the design by Anthony Altorena. Barn owl nest boxes are often set up inside an open-air building such as a barn, shed or an abandoned building, but barn owls will also move into nest boxes mounted to trees or poles in suitable open areas near fields, woodlands and orchards. Fund building instructions here:

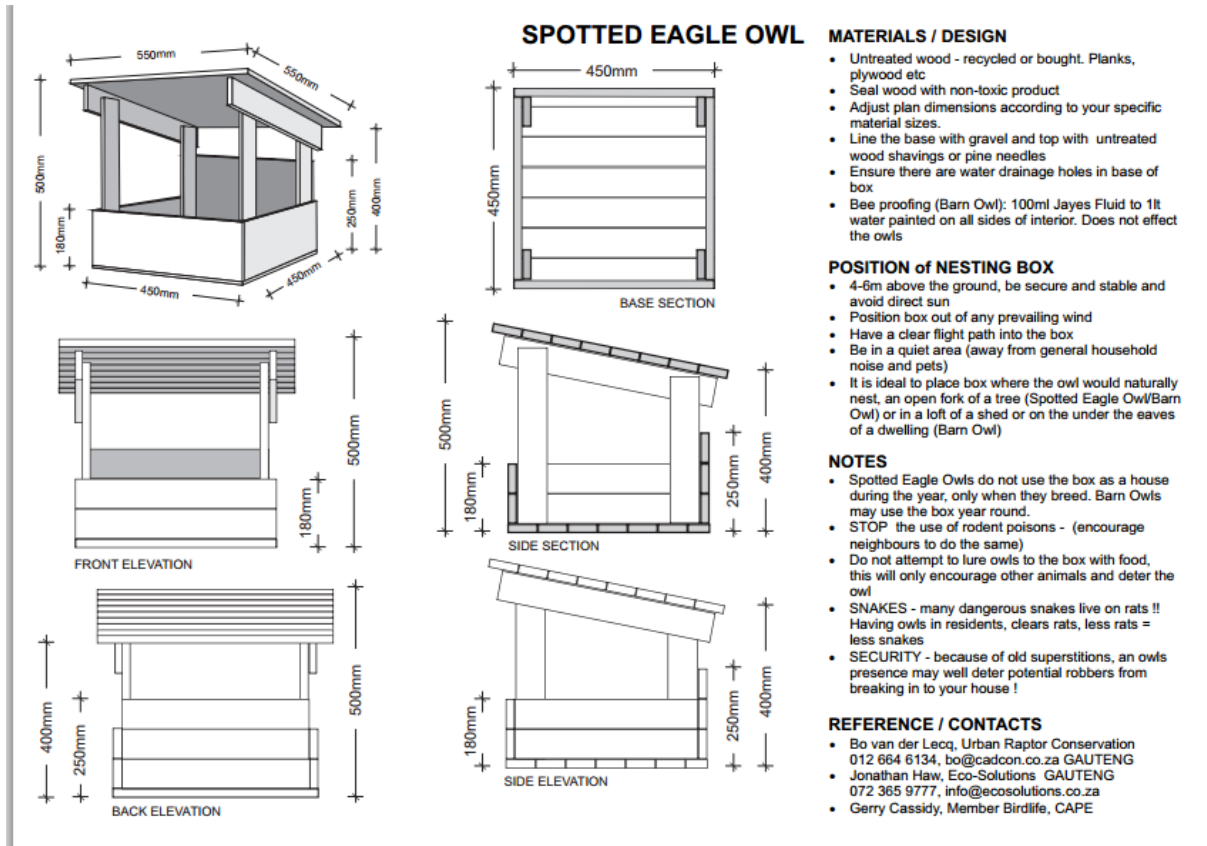
["How to Build a Barn Owl Nesting Box: Barn Owl Nest Box Plans"](#).



Spotted Eagle Owl Nest Box

For the Spotted Eagle Owl we advise the design below created by [Radical Raptors](#), a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in South-Africa.

Spotted Eagle Owls are not fussy where they nest, as long as the nesting site is away from any other owls. In the wild they often nest on the ground but we advise to position the nest at least 4 metres off the ground to avoid disturbance by humans and pets.



African Wood Owl Nest Box

For the African Wood Owl we advise the design for Tawny Owls, by The Barn Owl Trust.

There are two basic types of nest boxes:

- The upright design as shown in Fig. 1 is normally strapped or nailed to the side of a vertical tree trunk or major branch.
- The sloping type as shown in Fig. 2 is designed to be strapped or tied to the underside of a sloping side branch at an angle of approximately 45°.

Exact dimensions are not too critical, provided that the box is big enough with an entrance hole not less than 200mm square. The upright type box should be fitted with a thick roofing felt top. Both types must have several large drainage holes in the bottom, not less than 12mm diameter.

Find buildings instructions on The Barn Owl Trust's website [here](#).

