APPROVED OWL NEST-BOX DESIGNS

Barn Owl Spotted Eagle Owl African Wood Owl

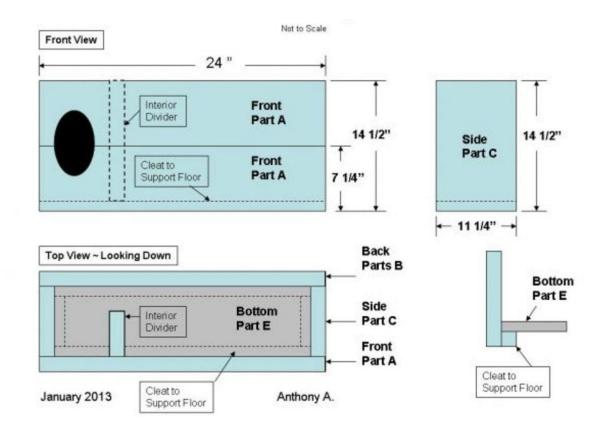


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Barn Owl Nest Box

For the Barn Owl we advise the design by Anthony Altorenna. 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:

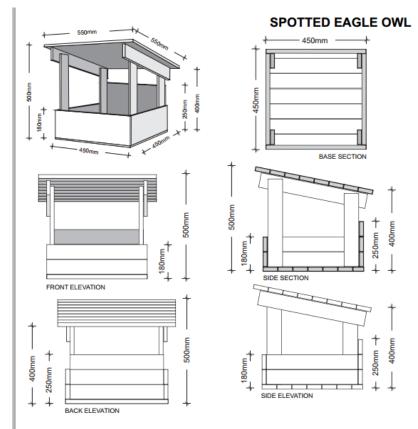
"How to Build a Barn Owl Nesting Box: Barn Owl Nest Box Plans".



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.



MATERIALS / DESIGN

- Untreated wood recycled or bought. Planks, plywood etc Seal wood with non-toxic product
- Adjust plan dimensions according to your specific
- Line the base with gravel and top with untreated
- wood shavings or pine needles Ensure there are water drainage holes in base of
- Bee proofing (Barn Owl): 100ml Jayes Fluid to 1lt water painted on all sides of interior. Does not effect the owls

POSITION of NESTING BOX

- 4-6m above the ground, be secure and stable and avoid direct sun Position box out of any prevailing wind

- Position box out of any prevailing wind Have a clear flight path into the box Be in a quiet area (away from general household noise and pets) It is ideal to place box where the owl would naturally nest, an open fork of a tree (Spotted Eagle Ow/Barn Owl) or in a loft of a shed or on the under the eaves of a dwelling (Barn Owl)

NOTES

- Spotted Eagle Owls do not use the box as a house during the year, only when they breed. Barn Owls may use the box year round. STOP the use of rodent poisons (encourage
- neighbours to do the same)
 Do not attempt to lure owls to the box with food,
 this will only encourage other animals and deter the
- SNAKES many dangerous snakes live on rats !! Having owls in residents, clears rats, less rats =
- SECURITY because of old superstitions, an owls presence may well deter potential robbers from breaking in to your house!

REFERENCE / CONTACTS

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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.

