

BIRDBOX NEEDS OF SOME OF THE BIRDS THAT

COMMONLY NEST IN GEORGIA YARDS

Eastern Bluebird - Type of Yard: Open; Space Between Boxes: Minimum of 100 yards; Height of Hole Above Ground: 5'; Size of Hole: 1.5" for a round hole, 1 3/8 x 2 1/4" for a vertical oval hole, or 1.24" for a horizontal slot entrance

Carolina Chickadee - Type of Yard: Open wooded yards & yards bordering mature woodlands; Space Between Boxes: 30'; Height of Hole Above Ground: Minimum of 5'; Size of Hole: 1 1/6"

Tree Swallow - Type of Yard: Open yards near water, fields, golf courses; Space Between Boxes: 35'; Height of Hole Above Ground: Minimum 5'; Size of Hole: 1 3/8";

Tufted Titmouse - Type of Yard: Open wooded backyards; Space Between Boxes: 580'; Height of Hole Above Ground: Minimum of 5'; Size of Hole: 1 3/8 - 1.5"

Carolina Wren - Type of Yard: Open wooded yards with scattered tall shrubs; Space Between Boxes: 330'; Height of Hole Above Ground: 3-6'; Size of Hole: for a round hole, 1.5", and 2.5 x 5" for a horizontal slot entrance

House Wren - Type of Yard: Most suburban backyards, especially those with open wooded yards; Space Between Boxes: 100'; Height of Hole Above Ground: 5-10'; Size of Hole: 1 1/8-1.5"

Great Crested Flycatcher - Type of Yard: Wooded backyards and yards bordering woodlands; Space Between Boxes: 1 per 6 acres; Height Above Ground: 6-18'; Size of Hole: 1.5" (2.5" if European starlings are not a problem in your neck of the woods)

Brown-headed Nuthatch - Type of Yard: suburban yards with open mixed or pine woods; Space Between Boxes: 1 per 6 acres; Height of Hole above Ground: Minimum of 5'; Size of Hole: 1"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Hole sizes reflect the smallest size each species will typically enter.

For more information regarding nest box plans and the Community Wildlife Project please contact Melissa Hayes at melissa.hayes@dnr.ga.gov.