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THE BARN OWL NEST BOX

This completely new nest box by the Nestbox Company Ltd. incorporates all the essential features for the safe rearing of owlets. We very much appreciate the help that **The Barn Owl Trust** and other experts have given us during the design stages.

Features that provide for the safe rearing of owlets and effective but simple management of the box include:-

- Manufactured from FSC® certified exterior grade plywood.
- Generous drained floor of approx. 300 sq. inches.
- Full 17" depth from entrance hole to floor.
- Specially drilled backplate providing fixing holes above & below the box and oversized holes to accommodate ropes for hauling the box up the tree and locating it.
- The solid backplate allows for unevenness of the tree trunk.
- Two inspection hatches allowing full access to the whole floor area and facilitating cleaning or inspection from either side of the box. Both hatches are water-resistant at the edges and are held securely in position.
- A generous weather "canopy" that protects both the entrance hole and the landing platform from the worst weather.
- A lightweight but robust construction but still only weighing approximately 8kgs.

This box will be delivered to you fully assembled with the exception of the platform which is easily slotted into place and secured with the internal peg. This can either be done before or after the box is fixed in position.

PREPARATION AND SITING.

Owl boxes are best sited away from potential hazards to the birds (such as motorways), and close to good feeding habitat (such as rough grassland).

The Barn Owl Nest Box may be sited inside a building or outside, up a tree etc.

For inside siting, put the box as high as possible (at least 3 metres high, but avoiding unventilated roof apices which may become too hot in summer). Ensure there is a permanently open access into the roof space, and that the entrance to the box is obvious to owls visiting the inside of the building.

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For siting outside we recommend that the box is at least 4.5 metres high, and facing away from the prevailing wind (ie avoiding facing West or South West). It is best to choose a location where any passing owls can clearly see the entrance hole.

When erecting and inspecting the box, please pay special attention to your personal safety. Carrying heavy weights and working at these heights on ladders can be dangerous if you do not take the appropriate precautions to avoid falling or other accidents. Whilst we have designed this nest box to facilitate safe working, it is the user's responsibility to ensure that it is used safely.

MANAGEMENT. Barn Owls are a protected species and occupied nests should not be visited unless you hold a licence.



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