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**Nesting boxes thoughtfully designed for their inhabitants!**

## The DORMOUSE NEST BOX

### **Siting**

Dormouse nest boxes provide secure and sheltered places for dormice to spend the day and raise their young. They are valuable in any type of woodland, particularly in young scrub where there is a shortage of natural tree holes. Avoid siting the boxes on isolated trees if possible. Providing dormouse boxes can help to increase the dormouse population in the area but they are most effective if a number of nestboxes are sited in one area, 10 to 20 yards apart from each other.

Boxes should be fastened on to tree trunks with wire (or string) and with the entrance hole facing the tree trunk. The gap between the trunk and the entrance hole has been designed to allow dormice through, but not predators. Boxes should be fixed between 4ft and 6ft above the ground. If you have several boxes, it is a good idea to number them for identification purposes.

### **Management**

Dormouse nest boxes will be occupied any time from March to late Autumn when dormice are nesting and rearing young. They will not normally be used for hibernation as the dormouse prefers the more even temperature obtainable below ground during the Winter.

Boxes should be inspected twice a year during June and November. During the November inspection the box should be cleaned and scraped out if necessary. (A small paint scraper is a useful tool.) Make sure the drainage holes in the base of the box are clear.

***The Dormouse is a Protected Species.***  
***To inspect boxes you should have training and a licence***



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