

# THE NESTBOX COMPANY LTD

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Nesting boxes thoughtfully designed for their inhabitants!

## THE ROBIN NEST BOX

Contrary to popular belief, there is no "best" time to put up bird nestboxes.

Birds will quickly become familiar with boxes erected during the latter part of the year and may well use them for winter roosts especially if they contain a little hay or wood shavings. Boxes erected by February stand the best chance of being used that season, but it is not unknown for birds to take over boxes in April if there is a shortage of natural sites.

The important thing is to site the box correctly in a position where the birds will be safe from potential predators.

### SITING

Nest boxes can be fixed to walls, fences, trees or buildings. If the site is exposed it is advisable to position them so that the opening is not exposed to the sun or the wettest weather, and when fixing, try to position them at an angle so that rain is directed away from the entrance.

Robin Boxes should be sited below 2 metres high, and ideally in a position where they are hidden from view by plants/undergrowth etc.

If you can site them near your boundary you may attract birds from some distance away.

### MANAGEMENT

It is advisable to clean out boxes in October/November. Any fleas or other parasites that have built up should be killed off with boiling water and any unhatched eggs should be removed.

During the breeding season it is very tempting to keep looking at the box to see what is happening, but this should only be done with great caution as your presence may well cause the birds to desert the nest. It is far better to watch the activities from a reasonable distance and to enjoy the pleasure of a successful brood brought off the nest.



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