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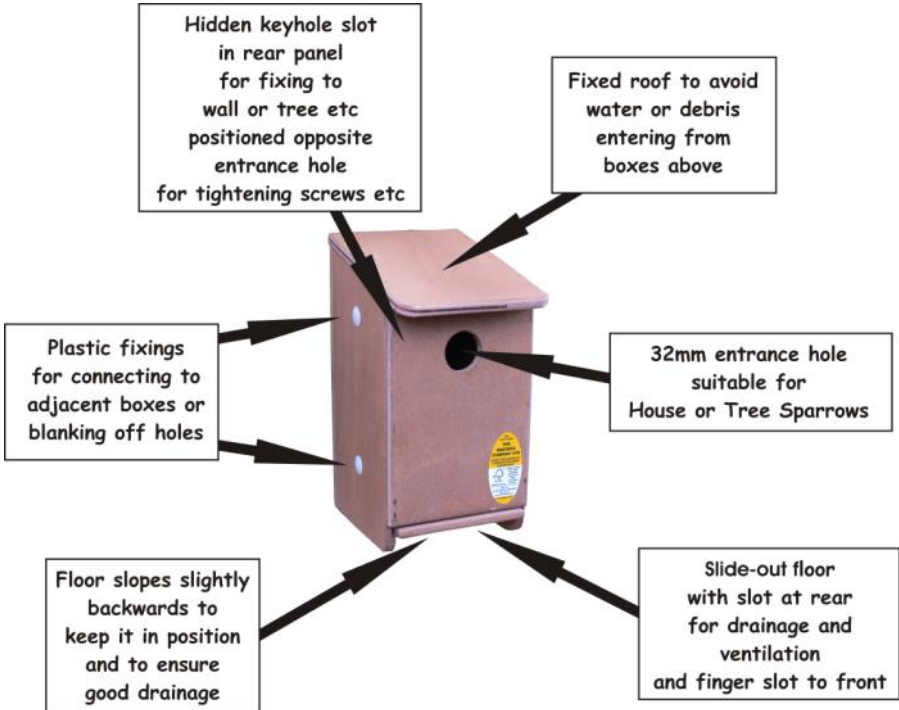


The Modular Sparrow Nest Box

User Guide

Welcome to your new Sparrow Nest Box

Main Features of the Sparrow Nest Box



This box is designed to be fitted to a wall or tree etc on its own or in arrays next to other Sparrow Nest Boxes. Because Sparrows are gregarious and prefer to nest in colonies, wherever possible it is a good idea to fit several boxes either next to each other, or close by. The box has a number of features designed to facilitate its use in tightly spaced arrays, including the plastic side fixings, the fixed roof and the slide-out floor, which gives easy access for annual cleaning, even if there is another box immediately underneath.

The Sparrow Nest Box System

Using this box as the "building block", you can build arrays of different sizes and shape, limited only by your imagination and the space available.

When using the boxes for House Sparrows, it is normal to fit them onto a wall or fence etc, and if possible high up and close to the eaves.

Fit them together in the following ways:

Side by Side - position the boxes next to each other with the side holes aligned, and then push one plastic peg through each hole from one box to the next. Then fix each box to the wall using the hole in the rear panel.

Diagonal - line up the 2 boxes so that the upper hole in the side of one box is next to the lower hole in the other one, and fit a peg through from one box to the other. Then fix each box to the wall using the hole in the rear panel.

Up and Down - Fix one box to the wall using the hole in the rear panel, and then place the second box vertically above or below the other, with the adjacent top and bottom of the boxes touching each other. Fit the second box to the wall.

You will find the fixing pegs loosely fitted inside the box. Remove the slide-out floor for fitting, and pull out any pegs not being used for fixing. After you have created your array, fill any side holes in the boxes with pegs pushed through from the outside.

If you are fitting boxes in trees (eg for Tree Sparrows), You may not be able to fit more than 2 next to each other, but we suggest you put a group of boxes close together in a slightly looser array.

Some Ideas for Arrays of Boxes

Any number
side by side



Diagonal - great
for fitting under
the eaves on a
gable end



Diamond - really attractive on the wall of your house



The Sparrow Hotel

Loose Array to suit Tree Sparrows



House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

One of our most familiar birds the noisy and gregarious house sparrow is lovingly recognised as a cheerful rogue making the most of any situation. Males have a grey crown, black bib, reddish-brown back streaked with black, and grey breast and belly, while females have brown, streaky backs and are buff below.

The ultimate opportunist perhaps, but now the House Sparrow is struggling to survive in both gardens and the wider countryside, and their recent alarming decline gives cause for concern.

Often seen in small flocks, house sparrows feed on seeds, grains and scraps both from the ground and from bird tables. They also enjoy mealworms. They are very gregarious birds and nest in colonies of up to 20 pairs. They are faithful to each other and the nest site for life. The nesting season is from April to August and they can manage up to four clutches during that period.

In the early 1970s, the UK house sparrow population was estimated at 12 million. Since then, the population has declined by over 60%. Because of this decline in numbers, the house sparrow is now red listed as a species of high conservation concern.

Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*)

The tree sparrow is smaller than the house sparrow, and has a brown head with white cheeks and neck. They are to be found in open woodland and farmland and although patchily distributed throughout the UK, are less common in northern and western parts, and higher ground.

As colonial or semi-colonial birds, they prefer to nest in colonies, and readily take to nest boxes. The species has suffered substantial population decline in recent years and some estimates suggest that the UK population may now be around only 10% of what it was in the 1960s. The tree sparrow is currently on the Red List.

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