



User Guide

Side Opening Nest Box (C4A48)

This nest box has been designed to be an attractive wooden nest box suitable for small hole-nesting birds. With a fixed roof and side opening it provides a safe and secure home for its inhabitants. It is designed to take camera systems, as well as provide a good nest site for small birds. There are two versions of this box, one with and one without a window in the removable side panel.

The box without a window is equipped to take the nest box camera and electronics from the Advanced Wireless Camera Nest Box or Advanced Wireless Camera Kit. This is fitted by sliding the circuit board into the grooves in the front and back panels of the box.

The box with window is suitable for the Wireless Camera Nest Box and Kit, and Wired Camera Bird Box and Kit. These cameras are fitted by screwing the camera bracket to the inside of the side panel, near the top.

When used in conjunction with a second nest box, the electronics can be quickly moved from one box to the other, without causing disturbance to nesting birds.

By putting two (or more) compatible nest boxes up, you can increase your chances of getting the camera inside a box which is being used for nesting.

Siting the box

Nest Boxes are normally fitted (with the lid uppermost) to a tree or wall, about 2 to 4 metres high from the ground. However, depending on the situation, it is generally OK to fit the box higher.

It is generally best to place the box so it does not get sun all day or too much wind and rain. This means that you could face it to the North East or South East.

You can attach the Nest Box with just one screw or nail, or with a length of string round the tree, using the concealed keyhole in the back panel. This hole is positioned opposite the entrance hole so that you can see it when mounting, and if using a screw, tighten it with a screwdriver. Use the second mounting hole/slot in the base of the box to steady or secure the box further if you wish.

Please make sure that you don't lean the box backwards: it is best to fit it upright or tilted slightly forward to give some protection from driving rain.

Position the box away from other trees, bushes, branches etc which may make it easier for predators. Try to provide a clear flight path into the entrance hole. It is recommended that you do not place it near to a bird table or other place where you feed the birds, because the constant traffic of birds will deter nesting.

Camera Reception

If you plan to use the box for a camera, fit it in a position where it is close enough to the Receiver so that you get a good picture. Although the nominal range is 100 metres, the actual range depends on a number of factors, particularly including obstacles close to and in between the Nest Box and the Receiver, such as walls and trees. If you are in any doubt as to the position, it may be better to fix the Nest Box temporarily until you have checked the reception.

Moving Camera from One Box to Another

We recommend that you only open the nest box when you have established (by watching it) that there are no birds inside..

Open the box by removing the peg from the roof, and tilting out the top of the removable side panel, and then lifting the panel away.



Either change over the camera plus circuit board by sliding it out of one box, and sliding into the other, before replacing the side panels. or if the camera is screwed to a side panel, by swapping the side panels, including camera.



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