Bird House Comparison Chart

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house *more* birds with the RIGHT HOUSE

A backyard bird house can transform your yard into a wellspring of new life and beautiful song. Many birds use man-made bird houses, but one size doesn't fit all. The chart below shows you important specifications for each of our bird houses. You'll know at a glance which species the house is ideal for, the construction details, and the special features for each.

Bird House	Dimensions	Made for	Made of	Special Features
12 Room Purple Martin Bird House	**Overall:** 19" x 14" x 20" h **Floor Space:** 12: 6" x 6" rooms **Opening:** 2" dia	Purple Martins	Waterproof, sanitary aluminum and stainless steel	▪12 units ▪Roof vents ▪Hinged doors for easy clean out ▪Porch dividers ▪Top perch ▪Ventilation and guardrails
Blue Bluebird House	**Overall:** 21" x 7" x 9" high **Floor Space:** 6" x 4.5" **Opening:** 1-1/2" dia	Bluebirds	Sustainably-grown Eastern white pine	▪Shaped like a bluebird ▪Pre-Stained and can be post mounted ▪Double entrances allow escape ▪Ventilation and drain holes
Cardinal Nest Box	**Overall:** 9-1/4" x 9-1/2" x 11-1/2" high **Floor Space:** 7-3/4" x 6"	Robins, cardinals and other species that like open-front	Western red cedar (unfinished)	▪Ideal for birds that like to nest in an open-sided box ▪Generous floor

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	Opening: Has large open-front	nests		space ▪Ready to use and economical
Convertible Winter Roost	**Overall:** 7" x 9" x 12-1/2" h **Floor Space:** 5" x 5" **Opening:** 1-1/2" dia	Chickadees, nuthatches, swallows, and titmice	Untreated Eastern white pine with slate squirrel guard	▪Flippable front allows conversion to roost box and easy cleanout ▪Three perches included for roost use ▪Ventilation and drain holes ▪Large birds cannot nest due to restrictive opening size; slate guard protects against squirrel damage
Economy Bluebird Trail Box 6-pk	**Overall:** 5-1/2" x 6" x 12-1/2" high **Floor Space:** 4.5" x 4.5" **Opening:** 1-1/2" dia	Bluebirds and similar sized	Eastern white pine	▪6 houses total, for bluebird trails ▪Economical - less than $20 per house ▪Durable all-wood construction ▪Predator guard ▪Proper ventilation and drainage ▪Mounting hardware included
Going Green Wren House	**Overall:** 7" x 6" x 8" high **Floor Space:** 3" x 3" **Opening:** 1-1/8" dia	Wrens and similar-sized nesters	Eco-friendly plastic (90% recycled)	▪All-screw construction for years of durability ▪Side panel cleanout lifts up for easy cleaning and peeking

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				▪Steep roof makes rain and sleet slide off easily
Mini Natural Breeding Nest Birdhouses	**Thatched Hut:** **Overall:** 5" dia x 6" high **Floor Space:** 4.5" dia **Opening:**1.5" x 1.5" **Finch Pagoda:** **Overall:** 4.25" x 6.5" high **Floor Space:** 4" dia **Opening:** 1.5" x 1.5"	Small to medium-sized finches, wrens and similar	Natural twigs and grass fibers	▪Woven grass and twig construction blends with nature ▪Double as charming yard décor after breeding season
Nesting Huts	**Tree Mount:** **Overall:** 6" wide x 11" high **Floor Space:** 4" x 4" **Opening:**1-3/4" dia **Wood Roof:** **Overall:** 5" dia x 5.5" h **Floor Space:** 4" x 4" **Opening:** 1-1/4"	**Tree Mount**: Chickadees, titmice, swallows, and wrens **Wood Roof**: Wrens, chickadees and similar sized	Woven grass and wood	▪Natural appearance blends into backyard well ▪Large birds cannot nest due to restrictive opening sizes ▪Natural materials ▪Roof overhang ▪Tree mount or hanging styles
Observation Bluebird House	**Overall:** 8" x 6" x 12-1/2" **Floor Space:** 5" x 5" **Opening:** 1-3/8" dia	Bluebirds	Untreated Eastern white pine with a Plexiglas inner wall	▪Side opens up to a Plexiglas inner wall so you can observe birds ▪Winter roost use too ▪Entrance deters predators

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				▪Ventilation and drain holes ▪Large birds cannot nest due to extended opening and restrictive opening size
Open 2-Sided Bird House	**Overall:** 6" wide x 8" deep x 12-1/2" high **Floor Space:** 4" x 4-1/2" **Opening:** 1-1/2"	Bluebirds and similar	Eastern pine	▪Predator guard keeps out unwanted species ▪Opens on two sides: cleanout on one, Plexiglas peaking on the other ▪Smooth-mitered corners give it visual appeal
Saw-Whet/ Screech Owl House	**Overall:** 17-3/4" x 9-1/4" x 11" **Floor Space:** 6" x 6-1/2" **Opening:** 3"	Screech and Saw Whet Owls	Eastern pine	▪Includes wood chips to line nest box ▪Rough finish allows fledglings a foothold ▪Recessed floor has drainage on all four corners
Sparrow-Resistant Bluebird House	**Overall:** 5-3/4" x 8" x 10" h **Floor Space:** 4-1/4" x 4-1/2" **Opening:** 4-1/4" x 1-1/4" slot	Bluebirds	Untreated Eastern white pine	▪Front panel opens for easy cleaning ▪Thick walls insulate well ▪Ventilation and drain holes ▪Slot entrance, sloped roof, and adjustable floor depth deter sparrows (shorten box to deter sparrows)

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Three Woodpecker House	**Overall:** 7-1/2" x 9-1/4" x 17-1/2" high **Floor Space:** 5.5" x 6" **Opening:** 2-1/4"	Hairy, red-headed, and red-bellied woodpeckers	Eastern white pine	▪Slate predator guard protects opening ▪Includes wood chips for lining the box ▪Generous roof overhang keeps out sun, wind, rain
Tropical Breeding Nest Birdhouses	**Jumbo Grass Hut: Overall:** 10" x 12" high **Floor Space:** 5.5" dia **Opening:** 2" x 2" **Finch Tiki Hut: Overall:** 5" x 8" high **Floor Space:** 3.5" dia **Opening:** 1" x 1"	Small finches, wrens, chickadees and similar	All-natural twigs, straw or grass fibers	▪Natural construction blends with nature ▪Hut-like shape is adorable ▪Makes great backyard décor after nesting season
Window Nest Box Bird House	**Overall:** 6" x 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" h **Floor Space:** 4" x 4-1/2" **Opening:** 1-1/2" dia	Chickadees, nuthatches, wrens, and titmice	Untreated Eastern white pine with Plexiglas back	▪Clear back gives up-close window viewing ▪Sloped roof protects opening from rain ▪Ventilation and drain holes ▪Larger birds cannot nest due to restrictive opening size
Wooden Roosting Box	**Overall:** 9-1/4" x 10" x 9-1/2" high **Floor Space:** 7" x 6.5" **Opening:**	Platform nesters like robins and cardinals	Western red cedar	▪Angled rooftop directs rain away ▪Deep alcove provides cozy shelter from

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	Front is completely open			the elements ▪Plenty of floor space for a growing family
Wren Home	**Overall:** 7-1/2" x 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" high **Floor Space:** 4" x 4" **Opening:** 1-3/8"	Wrens and other cavity nesters	Cedar	▪Charming Dutch-style roof lifts off for cleaning ▪Rope hanger for easy hanging ▪Natural insect repellency
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