

## 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
<a href="#">12 Room Purple Martin Bird House</a>	<b>Overall:</b> 19" x 14" x 20" h <b>Floor Space:</b> 12: 6" x 6" rooms <b>Opening:</b> 2" dia	Purple Martins	Waterproof, sanitary aluminum and stainless steel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 units</li> <li>Roof vents</li> <li>Hinged doors for easy clean out</li> <li>Porch dividers</li> <li>Top perch</li> <li>Ventilation and guardrails</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Blue Bluebird House</a>	<b>Overall:</b> 21" x 7" x 9" high <b>Floor Space:</b> 6" x 4.5" <b>Opening:</b> 1-1/2" dia	Bluebirds	Sustainably-grown Eastern white pine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shaped like a bluebird</li> <li>Pre-Stained and can be post mounted</li> <li>Double entrances allow escape</li> <li>Ventilation and drain holes</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Cardinal Nest Box</a>	<b>Overall:</b> 9-1/4" x 9-1/2" x 11-1/2" high <b>Floor Space:</b> 7-3/4" x 6"	Robins, cardinals and other species that like open-front	Western red cedar (unfinished)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ideal for birds that like to nest in an open-sided box</li> <li>Generous floor</li> </ul>

	<b>Opening:</b> Has large open-front	nests		space ▪ Ready to use and economical
<a href="#"><u>Convertible Winter Roost</u></a>	<b>Overall:</b> 7" x 9" x 12-1/2" h <b>Floor Space:</b> 5" x 5" <b>Opening:</b> 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
<a href="#"><u>Economy Bluebird Trail Box 6-pk</u></a>	<b>Overall:</b> 5-1/2" x 6" x 12-1/2" high <b>Floor Space:</b> 4.5" x 4.5" <b>Opening:</b> 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
<a href="#"><u>Going Green Wren House</u></a>	<b>Overall:</b> 7" x 6" x 8" high <b>Floor Space:</b> 3" x 3" <b>Opening:</b> 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

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steep roof makes rain and sleet slide off easily</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>Mini Natural Breeding Nest Birdhouses</u></a>	<b>Thatched Hut:</b> <b>Overall:</b> 5" dia x 6" high <b>Floor Space:</b> 4.5" dia <b>Opening:</b> 1.5" x 1.5"  <b>Finch Pagoda:</b> <b>Overall:</b> 4.25" x 6.5" high <b>Floor Space:</b> 4" dia <b>Opening:</b> 1.5" x 1.5"	Small to medium-sized finches, wrens and similar	Natural twigs and grass fibers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woven grass and twig construction blends with nature</li> <li>Double as charming yard décor after breeding season</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>Nesting Huts</u></a>	<b>Tree Mount:</b> <b>Overall:</b> 6" wide x 11" high <b>Floor Space:</b> 4" x 4" <b>Opening:</b> 1-3/4" dia  <b>Wood Roof:</b> <b>Overall:</b> 5" dia x 5.5" h <b>Floor Space:</b> 4" x 4" <b>Opening:</b> 1-1/4"	<b>Tree Mount:</b> Chickadees, titmice, swallows, and wrens  <b>Wood Roof:</b> Wrens, chickadees and similar sized	Woven grass and wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural appearance blends into backyard well</li> <li>Large birds cannot nest due to restrictive opening sizes</li> <li>Natural materials</li> <li>Roof overhang</li> <li>Tree mount or hanging styles</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>Observation Bluebird House</u></a>	<b>Overall:</b> 8" x 6" x 12-1/2" <b>Floor Space:</b> 5" x 5" <b>Opening:</b> 1-3/8" dia	Bluebirds	Untreated Eastern white pine with a Plexiglas inner wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Side opens up to a Plexiglas inner wall so you can observe birds</li> <li>Winter roost use too</li> <li>Entrance deters predators</li> </ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ventilation and drain holes</li> <li>▪ Large birds cannot nest due to extended opening and restrictive opening size</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>Open 2-Sided Bird House</u></a>	<b>Overall:</b> 6" wide x 8" deep x 12-1/2" high <b>Floor Space:</b> 4" x 4-1/2" <b>Opening:</b> 1-1/2"	Bluebirds and similar	Eastern pine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Predator guard keeps out unwanted species</li> <li>▪ Opens on two sides: cleanout on one, Plexiglas peaking on the other</li> <li>▪ Smooth-mitered corners give it visual appeal</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>Saw-Whet/ Screech Owl House</u></a>	<b>Overall:</b> 17-3/4" x 9-1/4" x 11" <b>Floor Space:</b> 6" x 6-1/2" <b>Opening:</b> 3"	Screech and Saw Whet Owls	Eastern pine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Includes wood chips to line nest box</li> <li>▪ Rough finish allows fledglings a foothold</li> <li>▪ Recessed floor has drainage on all four corners</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>Sparrow-Resistant Bluebird House</u></a>	<b>Overall:</b> 5-3/4" x 8" x 10" h <b>Floor Space:</b> 4-1/4" x 4-1/2" <b>Opening:</b> 4-1/4" x 1-1/4" slot	Bluebirds	Untreated Eastern white pine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Front panel opens for easy cleaning</li> <li>▪ Thick walls insulate well</li> <li>▪ Ventilation and drain holes</li> <li>▪ Slot entrance, sloped roof, and adjustable floor depth deter sparrows (shorten box to deter sparrows)</li> </ul>

<a href="#"><u>Three Woodpecker House</u></a>	<b>Overall:</b> 7-1/2" x 9-1/4" x 17-1/2" high <b>Floor Space:</b> 5.5" x 6" <b>Opening:</b> 2-1/4"	Hairy, red-headed, and red-bellied woodpeckers	Eastern white pine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Slate predator guard protects opening</li> <li>▪ Includes wood chips for lining the box</li> <li>▪ Generous roof overhang keeps out sun, wind, rain</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>Tropical Breeding Nest Birdhouses</u></a>	<b>Jumbo Grass Hut:</b> <b>Overall:</b> 10" x 12" high <b>Floor Space:</b> 5.5" dia <b>Opening:</b> 2" x 2"  <b>Finch Tiki Hut:</b> <b>Overall:</b> 5" x 8" high <b>Floor Space:</b> 3.5" dia <b>Opening:</b> 1" x 1"	Small finches, wrens, chickadees and similar	All-natural twigs, straw or grass fibers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Natural construction blends with nature</li> <li>▪ Hut-like shape is adorable</li> <li>▪ Makes great backyard décor after nesting season</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>Window Nest Box Bird House</u></a>	<b>Overall:</b> 6" x 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" h <b>Floor Space:</b> 4" x 4-1/2" <b>Opening:</b> 1-1/2" dia	Chickadees, nuthatches, wrens, and titmice	Untreated Eastern white pine with Plexiglas back	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clear back gives up-close window viewing</li> <li>▪ Sloped roof protects opening from rain</li> <li>▪ Ventilation and drain holes</li> <li>▪ Larger birds cannot nest due to restrictive opening size</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>Wooden Roosting Box</u></a>	<b>Overall:</b> 9-1/4" x 10" x 9-1/2" high <b>Floor Space:</b> 7" x 6.5" <b>Opening:</b>	Platform nesters like robins and cardinals	Western red cedar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Angled rooftop directs rain away</li> <li>▪ Deep alcove provides cozy shelter from</li> </ul>

	Front is completely open			the elements ▪ Plenty of floor space for a growing family
<a href="#"><u>Wren Home</u></a>	<b>Overall:</b> 7-1/2" x 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" high <b>Floor Space:</b> 4" x 4" <b>Opening:</b> 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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