

Robin Bird Box Instructions

Please take care and assess the risks when building the box, fixing it into position and if revisiting the site.

Contents:

X2 side pieces (sloping at top)
X1 large back piece with roof recess
X1 short front piece
X1 floor piece (with 9 drainage holes)
X1 roof piece (angled along 1 edge)
X6 wood screws

NB:

The following are not provided –

- Coarse sandpaper – handy to smooth rough edges and ease the fit of the pieces
- PVA glue (craft glue) is recommended for gluing vertical edges of side, front and back pieces for more durability.
- Water-based wood preservative and brush (should not be used by children)
- x2 clout nails to erect birdbox (Aluminum nails are preferable to avoid damage to machinery if the tree were to be felled or pruned in future).

Tools needed -

- Small wooden/rubber mallet
- A Philips screwdriver. (If you have them an electric drill and/or impact driver with a pz2 drive bit or a pz2 hand screw driver would be better.)
- Protective gloves if using wood preservative.

NB: Work on a solid stable surface or on flat ground. Use contact adhesive & wood preservative outdoors.

Assembly:

Check that all of the pieces are present and all tools are at hand. Lay out on solid surface.

Place single large back piece flat on surface with hinge groove facing out at top.

Take 1 side piece with the slope at the top. At a right angle slot the longer side into one side of the back piece tapping only as necessary with hammer to secure firmly.

Repeat step 2 on the remaining side.

Take floor piece and slide between the two side pieces inserting into the slot in the back piece again tapping with hammer only as necessary.

Take short front piece, align slots with sides and floor and tap (only as necessary) into place with hammer.

Insert angled edge of roof into roof groove.

Secure roof to upper edges of box using x2 two screws.

With remaining 4 screws secure sides of box together at guide holes.

The wood used is ready treated but another thin coat of water-based wood preservative to the outside only will give it a longer lease of life.

Your bird box is complete and can be put up in your chosen tree, secluded fence or wall!

Siting:

It's best to site the box in a north or east facing position to avoid the box getting too warm from - direct sunlight or rain being driven by prevailing winds. Robins prefer sites that are no more than 6-7 feet off the ground. Place in a position that's partially hidden by vegetation such as ivy.

Each autumn remove old nest material and brush clean if necessary.