

Enjoy Birds More

Garden Box
(A48)



User Guide

The Garden Box is a wooden nest box already equipped with quick release fixings to mount the Enjoy Birds More camera and electronics.

It is designed to be used in conjunction with a Garden Nest Box, so that the electronics can be quickly moved from one box to the other, to avoid causing disturbance to nesting birds.

By putting two (or more) nest boxes up, you increase your chances of getting one or other used for nesting.

Site the box as a normal nest box

First find a promising location.

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. For further advice on siting nest boxes, you may find it helpful to look at the RSPB web site: www.rspb.org.uk/gardens/whatyoucando/nestboxes/siting.asp.

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.

The Nest Box should be fitted 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.

You can attach the Nest Box with screws or nails, or with a length of rope or wire round the tree. There are holes at the top of the box for fitting, and if these are not large enough, they can easily be enlarged.

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.

Moving Camera from One Box to Another

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

To remove the camera and electronics from one box, first release the cable from the box by cutting off and freeing any cable ties holding it.

Secondly, squeeze the tops of the 4 nylon pillars holding the circuit board to the roof of the nest box, gently lifting the board away from the roof. The board will simply lift off.

Move the circuit board (with camera and cable and battery box) to the other nest box, open the roof and gently clip it onto the mounting pillars in the roof.

Run the cable out through the cable slot in the side of the nest box, and secure with a cable tie. Cut off the excess cable tie. Please take care to leave enough cable inside the box so that you can easily open the nest box roof fully.



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