

Turtle Nest Protector

Location:

Late May to June is nesting season. Watch for turtles nesting in early morning or evening. Do not disturb a nesting turtle as the female may abandon the nest if disturbed. After the female has left the nest, install the nest protector over the nest. Use stones or spiles to hold the nest protector in place.

Ensure that the nest protector does not block natural sun or rain. Install a safety flag if the protector is along a roadway or path. Do not disturb the nest.

Maintenance:

Leave the protector in place until late October. Most nests hatch late August to early October. If the nest you are protecting is from a painted turtle, keep the nest protector on through to the next spring.

Scattered shells are a sign of a nest that has been attacked. A nest that has hatched successfully will usually have a small exit burrow up to the surface. In a cold summer, some nests may not hatch.

More information: <https://cwf-fcf.org/en/explore/turtles.html>



Robin Nest Box

Location:

Robins nest between April and July, often raising 2-3 broods. They require a sturdy horizontal location 5- 25ft from the ground to build their nest. Female robins choose the nest sites, which are typically on one or several horizontal branches hidden in or just below a layer of dense leaves. Nests are typically in the lower half of a tree, although they can be built as high as the treetop. American Robins also nest in gutters, eaves, on outdoor light fixtures, and other structures. Place nesting boxes in a quite sheltered area inaccessible by cats.

Maintenance:

Keep cats away from nest box access. Reduce window reflections as male robins may attack their own reflection. In the fall or winter remove the old nesting material and ensure that the nest box is clean. Robin will return to the same general area,

More information: <https://songbirdstation.com/product/robin-nesting-shelf-house/>



Bat House

Location:

Your bat house should be placed in a spot where it will get at least 8 hours of sunlight, preferably facing south. It should be 10-20 ft (3-6 m) above the ground, less than 1,000 ft (300 m) from a water source and in a spot free of light pollution. There should be nothing blocking or near the entrance as bats need plenty of space to swoop their way inside. Sides of buildings work best.

Maintenance:

Only touch the bat house when it needs repair as bats do not like to be disturbed.

More information: <https://blog.ontarioparks.ca/diy-bat-box/>

