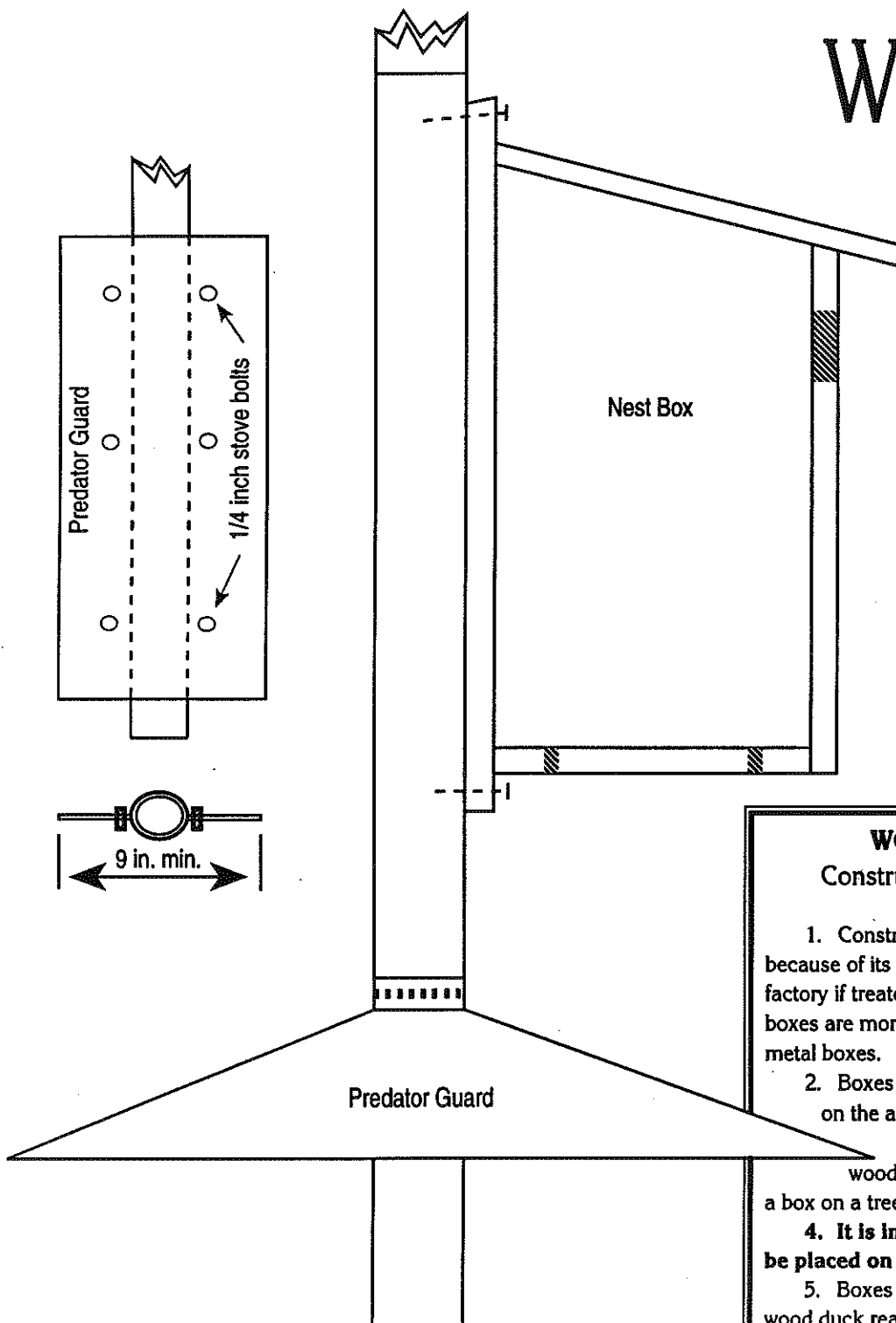


Wood Duck Nest Box



WOOD DUCK NEST BOX Construction and erection guidelines

1. Construct boxes of wood (cypress is preferred because of its lasting qualities - other woods are satisfactory if treated with a wood preservative). Wood boxes are more readily accepted by wood ducks than metal boxes.
2. Boxes should be of the dimensions suggested on the attached sketch.
3. Boxes should be placed singly on wood or metal posts. It is satisfactory to place a box on a tree if the box can be made predator proof.
4. **It is imperative that predator proof shields be placed on all posts on which boxes are placed.**
5. Boxes should be erected in close proximity to wood duck rearing habitat.
6. Four to six inches of wood shavings and/or sawdust should be placed in each box.
7. Inside of box should be rough to permit baby ducks to climb out. If smooth wood is used, attach a strip of 1/4" mesh hardware cloth to inside of front panel below the entrance hole.
8. Lag screws should be used to attach boxes to wood posts. U-bolts can be used to attach boxes to metal pipe used for posts.
9. Two or more small holes should be placed in the bottom to provide drainage.
10. Boxes should be placed over water, if possible they should be about 3 to 4 feet ABOVE FLOOD LEVEL.

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Box dimensions:

Inside — 10" x 10" x 20"

Hole — 4" circular, 2" down from top

Top should be removable or hinged

Predator Guard:

Metal, cone shaped 16" to 18" radius

or

Metal, sandwich type 24 gauge, 38" x 9"