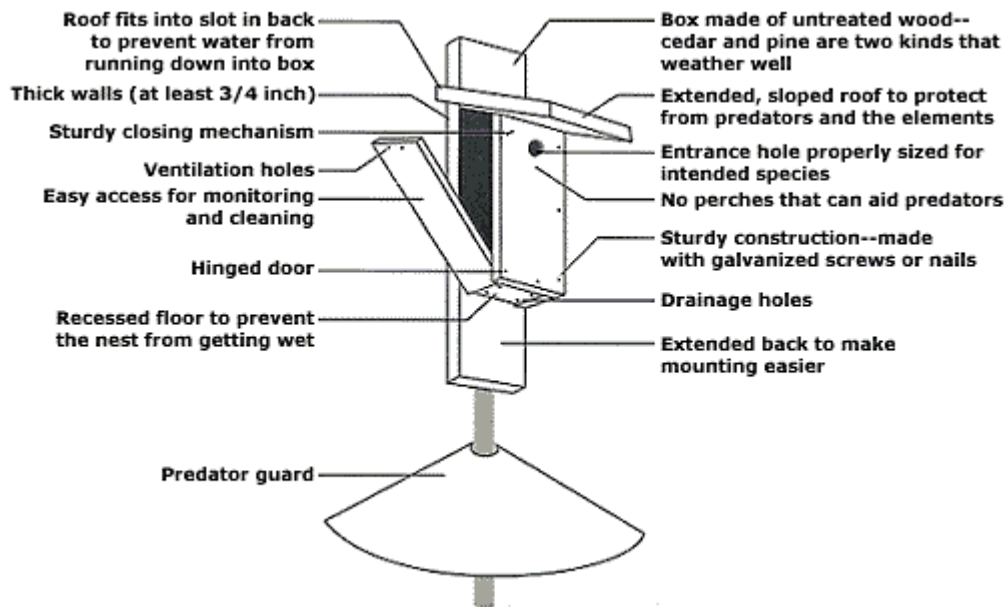


## Features of a good nest box

- untreated wood (pine, cedar, or fir); galvanized nails or screws
- thick walls will help insulate against heat
- extended, sloped roof
- rough or grooved interior walls assist birds movement
- drainage holes help keep box dry
- ventilation holes help airflow
- easy access for monitoring and cleaning
- no outside perches - your birds don't need them but predators can use them



**NEVER USE CHEMICALLY TREATED WOOD FOR NESTBOXES!  
PLEASE DO NOT PAINT THE INTERIOR OF THE BOX.**

Make sure that any nestbox you use is well constructed and made with the birds in mind; it should be durable, easy to check, and clean.

Boxes should be mounted to face away from prevailing winds and not too high - see the nestbox chart. Also do not "bury" the nestbox in deep foliage - birds that prefer to nest in cavities generally prefer a location that is not hidden. Think of the natural sites like cavities in dead trees - no leaves at all! Natural shade from summer sun on the box is a plus.

If you have a small property, try for just one pair of a couple different species rather than two pair of the same species due to territorial issues.

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