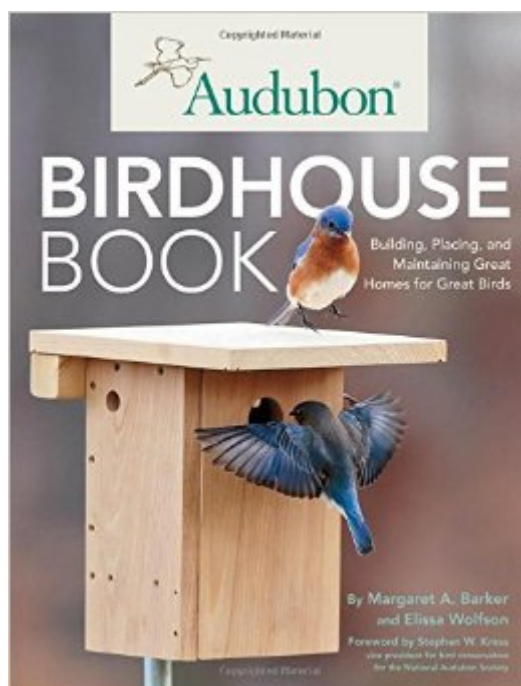


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Audubon Birdhouse Book: Building, Placing, And Maintaining Great Homes For Great Birds



Synopsis

A visit to almost any home or garden center presents birders with numerous cute and colorful contraptions that are sold as bird homes. But the fact is, many of these products provide anything but a safe refuge for your feathered friends. Produced in association with the National Audubon Society, Audubon Birdhouse Book explains how to build and place functional DIY bird homes that are safe and appropriate for more than 20 classic North American species, from wrens to raptors. Each of the easy-to-build boxes and shelves within is accompanied by cut lists, specially created line diagrams, and step-by-step photography, making the projects accessible to those with even the most rudimentary woodworking skills. In addition, this practical and beautifully presented guide is packed with color photography and information about the bird species covered—including titmice, chickadees, nuthatches, phoebes, swallows, waterfowl, and even kestrels and owls—to help the reader properly place and maintain the homes to attract birds. And because these projects are the product of years of experience and field-testing, you can be sure you're getting the best advice regarding proper design, safe construction materials, and correct home placement to mitigate exposure to elements, pests, and predators. Finally, beyond the birdhouses, you'll find out how you can contribute to the larger birding community and even enhance your birding experience with the aid of new technologies.

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This book came pretty close to being perfect for me. I do recommend it if you're looking to build "authentic" houses that birds will actually use. After two 70+ hours projects this winter I wanted a quick win for the weekend. I built several houses from this book over the weekend and had such a good time that I built even more the following weekend for a total of 11 houses. I built 4 of their so-called "x box" houses. I gave two to my Mother in Law. My two are occupied with swallows and at least of hers is occupied. In fact, one of mine was in use within 24 hours! I made the HUGE flicker house and mounted it high up on a tree (heavy!), but it's still unoccupied. I made two of their "carolina wren" boxes, mounting them to my barn and shed. The one on the barn was occupied just this past weekend. How fun! I made two platforms from another book but neither has seen any action yet and a bat house from another book, as well. No action there yet, either. The measured layouts are pretty good. I did find one mistake, so be sure to think about it while you're going, instead of following blindly. Also, be sure to adjust as needed if you're not using the same thickness stock. I used rough sawn cedar and white oak, so I had to make a number of adjustments. There's a lot of practical information in the book, and the plans are based on this data. Other books tend to give you plans for houses that look like real people houses and have no scientific research backing their designs, sizes, hole sizes, etc.

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