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one nestbox at a time"*

# Quick & Easy Nestbox Installation

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# Attach the nestbox to a pipe

- EMT Conduit or threaded pipe is recommended as they are harder for predators to climb
- 3 recommended methods for attaching
  - EMT conduit & pipe saddles
  - EMT conduit attached directly
  - Floor flange & threaded pipe

# EMT Conduit & Pipe Saddles

- One 1/2" EMT conduit
- Two 1/2" Pipe Saddles
- Four 1/2" screws
- Conduit and pipe saddles are in the Electrical Department



# Attach the pipe to the nestbox back

- Place the pipe half way between the top & bottom screws
- Screw through the holes in the saddle into the nestbox back.

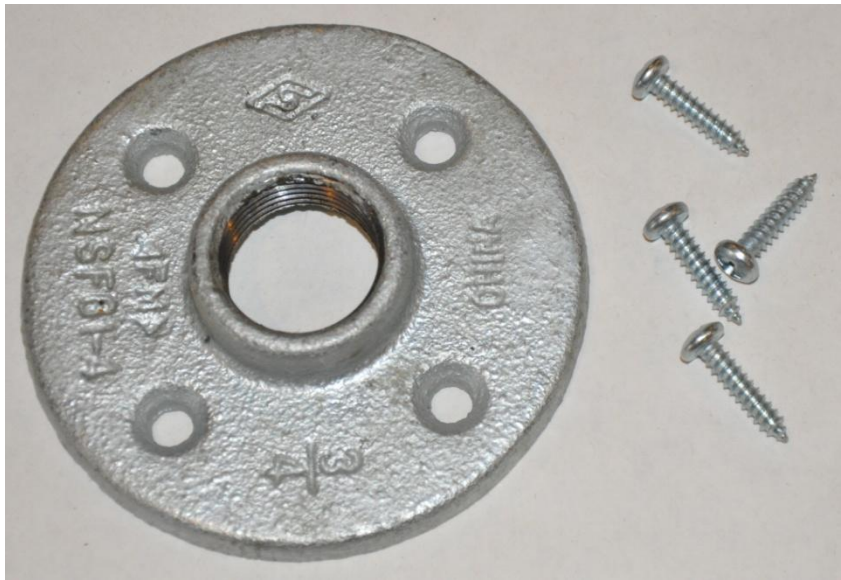


# EMT Conduit Attached Directly



- Drill holes in the conduit opposite the lid and bottom
- Screw a 2" drywall screw through the conduit into the back of the nestbox
- Make sure the screws go into the wood of the roof and bottom

# Floor Flange & Threaded Pipe



- Look in the Plumbing department
- Floor flange ( $3/4$ " or  $1/2$ " )
- Four  $3/4$ " screws
- Threaded black or silver pipe to fit the flange

# Screw the floor flange on bottom of the nestbox





# Screw the threaded pipe into the flange



# Attaching the HeatShield

- Attach the HeatShield top, back & sides
- For back pipe mounts, the pipe goes inside the HeatShield back



# Erecting your nestbox

- Location
  - Open area
  - Afternoon shade if possible
- Need
  - 4 foot piece of rebar (to fit inside pipe)
  - A sledge hammer or other heavy duty hammer
  - One 1/2" screw

# Placing the rebar into position



- Pound the rebar into the ground to a depth of approximately 18"
- Rebar will be much shorter than your pipe

# Slip the conduit over the rebar



# Keep the nestbox from twirling in the wind!



- Drill a hole in the conduit toward the bottom of the conduit
- Screw a 1/2" sheetmetal screw through the pipe, locking the pipe to the rebar

# Can't remember all this?

- No worries, it's all on the TBS website [www.texasbluebirdsociety.org](http://www.texasbluebirdsociety.org)
- Click on “Building Plans” in left column
- Four tabs
  - Nestbox Plans
  - Nestbox Features
  - HeatShield Plans
  - Predator Baffle



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