



TEXAS BLUEBIRD SOCIETY
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STEP 1: INSTALLATION

INSTALLATION SUPPLIES

- 3/4-inch EMT mounting brackets (2) (found in Electrical Supplies)
- 3/4-inch #8 screws (4)
- 3/4-inch EMT conduit (6-ft to 10-ft) (found in Electrical Supplies)
- 5/8-inch rebar (approximately 4-ft) (found in Concrete Supplies. Small hardware stores might cut the rebar. Large chains sometimes carry short pieces.)
OR 1/2-inch EMT conduit (approximately 4-ft) (found in Electrical Supplies)

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Using screws and EMT brackets, attach nestbox to EMT conduit
- Pound rebar or 1/2-in EMT conduit as an “anchor” securely in the ground in a somewhat open area overlooking short grass and in the general direction of a large shrub or tree (if possible)
- Slip the (hollow) conduit with the nestbox attached over the “anchor”
- The higher the box, the more protected; but, you need to look in (“monitor”) about once a week. Eye-level is generally a good height.

Related Specialty Items (usually not available in stores):

- VanErt House Sparrow Trap (your TBS nestbox is VanErt Trap-ready with screws beneath the hole) - www.vanerttraps.com/641.446.6471
- Sparrow Spooker (which may be installed after the first egg)
- www.sparrowtrap.net/spookers
- Tree Tanglefoot Insect Barrier (apply 1/2-in ribbon around pole to prevent fire ant predation) - Amazon.com or Walmart.com
- 1 5/8-in or 1 1/2-in hole protector (deter hole-enlargement by squirrels) - Amazon.com
- (Plans) Kingston Predators Baffle Plans (deter mammalian predator) - www.txblues.org

STEP 2: NESTWATCH

- Visit www.nestwatch.org or download the “app” when you install your nestbox
- Plan to enter observations weekly during nesting season
- Plan to complete summary at end of each nesting, so the data can be used