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| **NPI Name:** | **Small bird box** |
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| **NPI Code:** | **BBS** |
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| **NPI Payment:** | Year 1: | £19.67 per box |
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| **NPI Aim(s):** | To facilitate remedial management of EFS(H) sites and provide breedingopportunities for the declining native bird population. |
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| **Scheme Applicability:** | Wider – EFS(W) |  | Higher – EFS(H) | **✓** | Group – EFS(G) | **✓** |
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| **This NPI is:** | Permanent |  | Rotational | **✓** |  |
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| **NPI Description and Outcome:** | ‘Small bird boxes’ are eligible where they will maintain and enhance thebiodiversity value of EFS(H) sites and are included in the site specificRemedial Management Plan (ssRMP). ‘Small bird boxes’ will providenesting sites for the declining bird population and facilitateimplementation of the ssRMP. |
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| **No. Permitted:** | **Minimum** | 1 | **Maximum** | Not Applicable\* |

\*DAERA reserves the right to limit a Higher Level agreement value where it considers appropriate to ensure value for money.

**Requirements and Controls:**

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| **Code** | **Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)** | **Control type1** |
| **Admin** | **CwRS** | **OTSC** |
| **BBS1C** | All ‘Small bird boxes’ must be erected by the end of Year 1. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **BBS2C** | New ‘Small bird boxes’ must be used. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **BBS3C** | The claimed number of ‘‘Small bird boxes’ must be erected in thecorrect location where they have been approved. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **BBS4C** | The claimed number of ‘‘Small bird boxes’ must be erected to theSpecification outlined below. |  |  | **✓** |
| **BBS5C** | Field records must be kept detailing Integrated Pest Management(IPM) requirements, location, number and date erected for each‘Large bird box’. | **✓** |  | **✓** |

 The possible control types for each requirement may be:

‘Admin’ – administrative checks, ‘CwRS’ – Control with Remote Sensing, ‘OTSC’ – On-the-Spot Check

**Specification:**

The ‘Small bird box’ must:

* be constructed according to the dimensions in the diagram below;
* have an entrance hole at least 200 mm from the floor;
* have a rectangular entrance hole at least 150 mm long and 100 mm wide; and
* be erected and maintained as detailed in the ssRMP, for EFS(H) sites.

**Further Advice:**

A drainage hole must be drilled in the base.

Do not attach ‘Small bird boxes’ to electricity poles.

The inside front surface should be rough to allow young birds to clamber up.

Only apply wood preservative to the outside of the ‘Small bird boxes’.

‘Small bird boxes’ should be attached to a tree two - five metres from the ground preferably

facing between north and southeast. When securing to a tree, use a strap made with wire

and hose or rubber to minimise damage to the tree.

