

NPI Name: Small bird box

NPI Code: BBS

NPI Payment: Year 1: £12.00 per box

NPI Aim(s): To facilitate remedial management of EFS(H) sites and provide breeding opportunities for the declining native bird population.

Scheme Applicability: Wider – EFS(W) Higher – EFS(H) Group – EFS(G)

This NPI is: Permanent Rotational

NPI Description and Outcome: 'Small bird boxes' are eligible where they will maintain and enhance the biodiversity value of EFS(H) sites and are included in the site specific Remedial Management Plan (ssRMP). 'Small bird boxes' will provide nesting sites for the small bird population and facilitate implementation of the ssRMP.

Number 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:

Code	Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)	Control type ¹		
		Admin	CwRS	OTSC
BBS1C	All 'Small bird boxes' must be installed by the end of Year 1.	✓		✓
BBS2C	New 'Small bird boxes' must be used.	✓		✓
BBS3C	The claimed number of 'Small bird boxes' must be installed in the correct fields where they have been approved.	✓		✓
BBS4C	The claimed number of 'Small bird boxes' must be installed to the Specification outlined below.			✓
BBS5C	Field records must be kept detailing number, location and date erected for each 'Small bird box'.	✓		✓

¹ 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 125 mm from the floor;
- have an entrance hole depending on the species of bird that the box is intended for, that is, 25 mm for coal, marsh and blue tits, 28 mm for great tits and 32 mm for house and tree sparrows; and
- be erected and maintained as detailed in the ssRMP, for EFS(H) sites.

Further Advice:

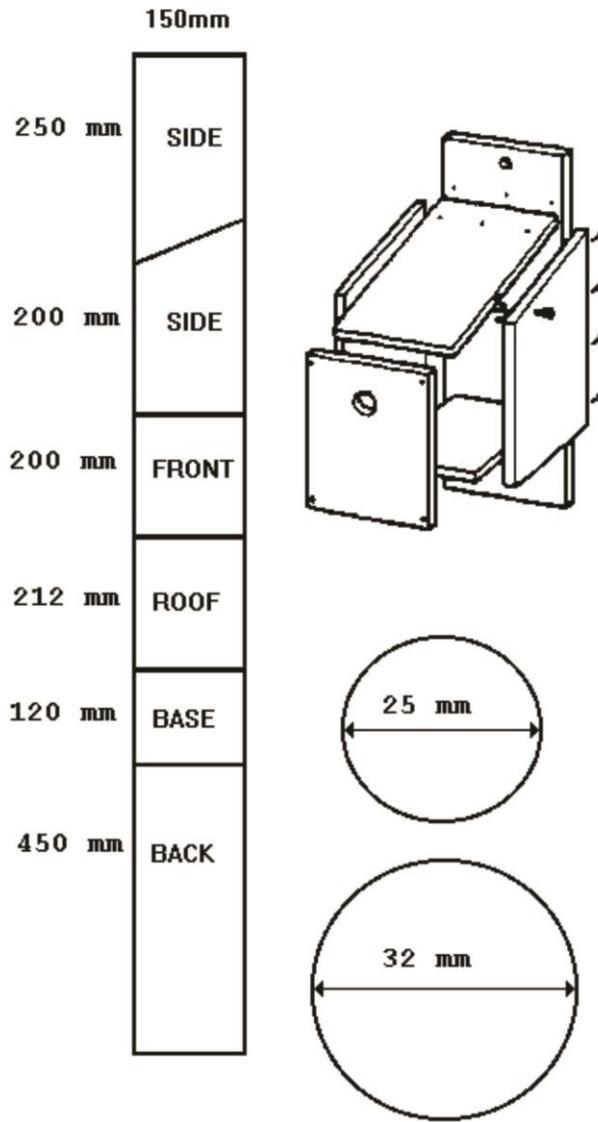
A drainage hole should be drilled in the base.

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

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

'Small bird boxes' should be attached to a tree 2-5 m from the ground preferably facing between north and south east. When securing to a tree, use a strap made with wire and hose or rubber to minimise damage to the tree.

Do not attach 'Small bird boxes' to electricity poles.



Small bird nest box