



HAWK & OWL BOX INFORMATION

COMPLIMENTS OF
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American Kestrel

FOOD: Mostly insects (especially grasshoppers). Small mammals (mice, voles) reptiles, small birds (mainly in winter) and amphibians.

Breeding: April -June

Spacing: At least 1 mile apart but no closer than a ½ mile.

Location: S, E, or SE on a pole, building or dead tree trunk.
Open fields or the edge of woods.
At least 10 feet high. Preferably 12 - 20 feet above the ground.

Screech Owl:

FOOD: Insects, crayfish, songbirds, rodents, reptiles, amphibians and fish.

Breeding: March - July

Spacing: At least 100 feet apart.

Location: S, E, SE side on a pole, building or dead tree trunk.
Open woods, at the edge of a woodlot or in a yard with large trees.
At least 15 feet high. Preferably 15-30 feet above the ground.



Do's and Don'ts:

DO: Place where predators cannot access from below or above.

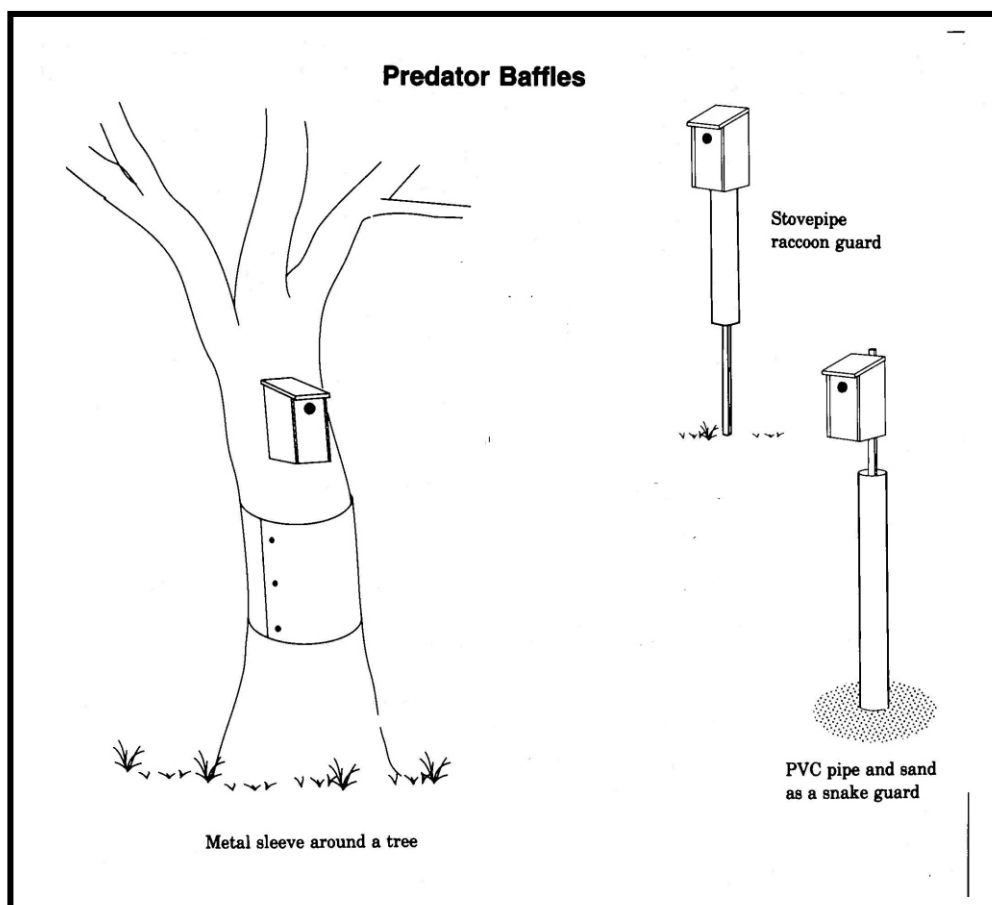
Use PVC pipe or metal predator guard if mounting on a pole or post

If mounting on a tree use metal flashing (see detail on back)

If you want to use nesting material ONLY USE 1 inch of wood shavings or chips.

DON'T: Do Not Paint or stain the inside of box or 2 inches around the outside of opening.

Do Not use Sawdust or Cedar Shavings in the box. It will harm the babies.



1. Metal sleeve: Use at least a 30 " inch metal flashing
2. Check boxes in the spring. If nesting material is being brought to the box, chances are it is not being used by a Kestrel or Screech Owl. They do not bring in nesting material but Starlings do.

