

# BAT HOUSE INSTALLATION GUIDE



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## **I. Before You Begin**

Thank you for purchasing a P&S Country Crafts bat house! This booklet will provide you with recommendations on how to mount your bat house to a wall or pole. These are the two best mounting options for a successful bat house because they provide the greatest protection from predators and exposure to sunlight.

**Note:** Bat houses that are mounted on trees or metal siding will typically be ineffective.

## **II. Required Items**

### **Enclosed Items**

1. Bat House
2. Bat House Installation Manual
3. 4 Mounting Screws (2 for small / mini bat houses)

### **Wall Mounting Items**

1. Power Drill
2. Ladder
3. Level

### **Pole Mounting Items**

1. Power Drill
2. 16-20' Mounting Pole
3. Cement
4. Level

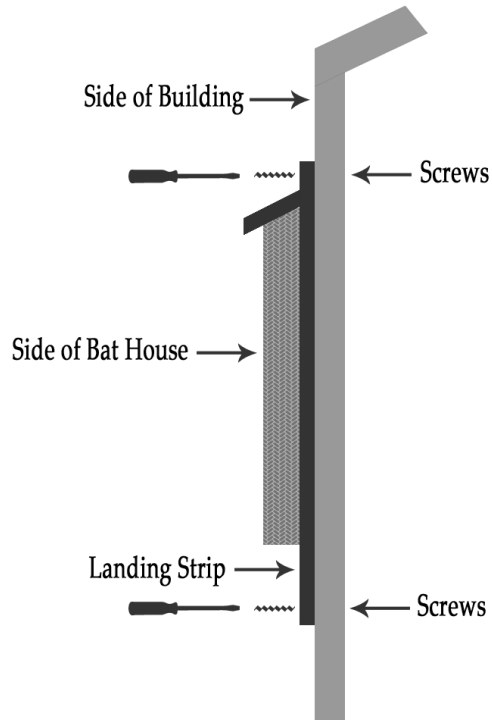
## **III. Positioning**

The location of your bat house is extremely important for it to function as intended. Key recommendations include:

- All bat houses should be mounted at least 12 feet above ground, however 15-20 feet or more is ideal.
- Most bats choose roosts within 1/4 mile of water, preferably a stream, river or lake.
- Place bat houses at least 20 to 25 feet from nearby tree branches, wires or other access points from predators.
- Bat house should be installed in a location that has at least 6 hours of direct morning sunlight for zones 2, 3 and 4. Afternoon sunlight can make the bat house too hot. Zone 1 bat houses should have direct sun for 6-8 hours.
- Avoid placing the bat house in locations with lots of artificial light.

#### **IV. Wall Mounting Instructions**

Using the four pre-drilled holes (2 holes in small / mini bat house) located at each corner of your bat house, insert the four supplied screws. Attach bat house to your desired location.



#### **V. Pole Mounting Instructions**

Before attaching brackets to the mounting pole, measure the distance from the top of your bat house to the bottom. Mark the distance on the mounting pole. Using two 2 inch by 4 inch brackets, attach one bracket to your mounting pole top and the second bracket to the bottom hole mark. Make sure the pole is centered to the bracket. To avoid splitting, pre-drill your holes prior to installing the brackets. *(continued on next page)*

#### **V. Pole Mounting Instructions** *(continued from previous page)*

Now that the brackets are attached to the mounting pole, attach your bat house. Line up each corner and pre-drill each of the four holes insuring not to drill into the chamber. Use level to make sure the bat house is straight. Then screw the bat house into the brackets.

Mounting pole should be buried at least 3 feet into the ground. Secure with cement.

