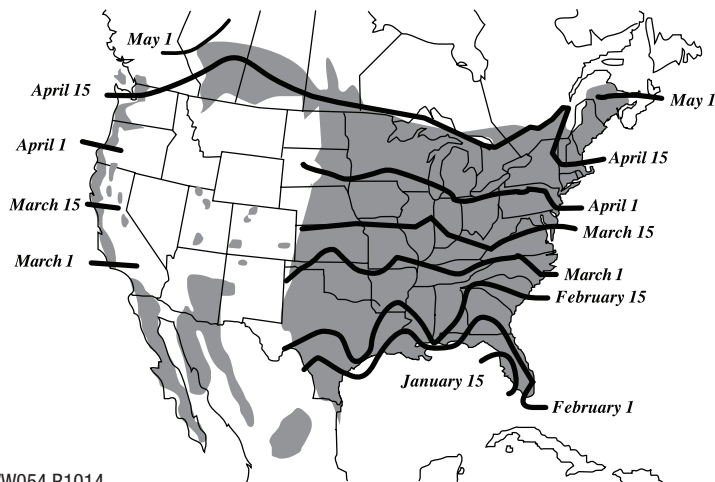


**PURPLE MARTIN BACKGROUND:** Purple Martins consume large quantities of insects including house flies, wasps, beetles and dragonflies. The Purple Martin is the largest of the swallow family. The Purple Martin arrives in the southern states from their winter quarters in Central and South America late in January. Their movement north is leisurely, generally arriving in the northern states in mid April. Purple Martins spend the non-breeding season in Brazil, then migrate to North America to nest. East of the Rockies, they are totally dependent on human-supplied housing. Martins prefer to live in colonies. Male scouts precede the advancing flock to select nesting sites. Your Martin house or gourds should be installed prior to the arrival of the scouts, per the Purple Martin migration map arrival dates in your area.

**USING DECOYS:** Purple Martin decoys will increase your chances of attracting Martins due to their desire to colonize with other Martins. Make sure the decoys are up before the first scouts arrive. To order decoys, call Heath, or visit [www.purplemartingourds.com](http://www.purplemartingourds.com).

**MIGRATION TIMING MAP:** We recommend you open your housing around the dates adult Martins are first scheduled to begin arriving in your area. Use Starling resistant entrance holes. Be relentless in controlling House Sparrows and Starlings. Be prepared ahead of time to deal with native nest-site competitors, such as Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, Great Crested Flycatchers and House Wrens. Have houses and gourds up early for these desirable birds and if necessary, briefly close Martin houses to help "steer" these birds into the appropriate nesting places in your yard.

**PURPLE MARTIN MIGRATION MAP**



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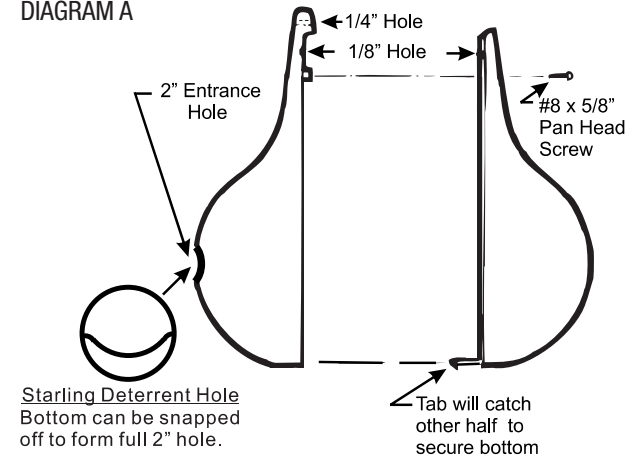
**ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS - EASY CLEAN 2-PIECE PURPLE MARTIN GOURD**

Please read all instructions before installing your new Purple Martin gourd

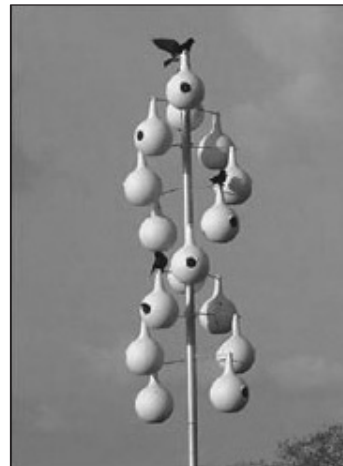
**TOOLS NEEDED:** Measuring tape, Sharp utility knife, Philips screwdriver, Hair dryer

**ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:** This box contains Purple Martin gourds and screws. Align back half of gourd to front half at bottom, matching the grooves along the sides while closing. Secure both halves with the screw provided (Diagram A). Do not over tighten, as this may cause the gourd to pop open on the sides. During shipment, some distortion may occur. If gourd does not stay together, you can reshape by heating with a portable hair dryer and holding together until cool. Your 2-piece gourd also includes a molded-in Starling resistant opening. If a completely round hole is desired, gently bend the molded opening piece until it snaps off, or carefully cut with a sharp utility knife.

DIAGRAM A



**GOURD POLE KITS (NOT INCLUDED):** Heath offers a wide variety of gourd pole kits. Find details on how to mount your gourds at [www.purplemartingourds.com](http://www.purplemartingourds.com).



13.5' Alum. PM Gourd Pole Kit - 8-Piece Double Spiral	30108
13.5' Alum. PM Gourd Pole Kit - 8-Piece 4 Over 4	301X8
13.5' Alum. PM Gourd Pole Kit - 6-Piece Double Spiral	30106
13.5' Alum. PM Gourd Pole Kit - 4-Piece 4 Over 4	30104
15' Telescoping Galv. Steel Pole Kit - 8-Piece Double Spiral	30308
15' Telescoping Galv. Steel Pole Kit - 8-Piece 4 Over 4	303X8
15' Telescoping Galv. Steel Purple Martin Gourd Pole	MP-15G
19' Heavy Duty Alum. Pole Kit - 16-Piece Double Spiral	30216
19' Heavy Duty Alum. Pole Kit - 8-Piece Spiral	30208
12" Aluminum Replacement Gourd Hanging Rods	63212
20" Aluminum Replacement Gourd Hanging Rods	63222
Pack of 18 Sleeves, 9-each Tips, Washers & Pins	31818

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