

Thank you for purchasing this Eco Dipper-Wagtail Nest Box.

The box has been designed to be easy to mount beneath bridges and provide a nest site for both dippers and grey wagtails. The Eco Dipper - Wagtail Nest Box is made entirely from recycled plastic board all fixed together using tabs which means there are no nails or staples to rust or corrode.

Dippers and grey wagtails almost invariably build their nests by or over running water and frequently use man-made structures such as walls and bridges on which to nest and roost. Even when natural sites exist these birds have often been found to prefer bridges and on lowland rivers, bridges may provide the only suitable nest sites. Whilst old stone bridges and steel girder bridges often provided crevices and ledges on which dippers and wagtails could nest, modern bridges, especially those made of concrete, do not provide the same range of nest and roost sites. Nest boxes are readily occupied by both species. The provision of nest boxes on bridges can help to sustain and in some instances has been shown to have increased breeding populations.

Whilst both grey wagtails and dippers use similar nest sites they don't defend a territory against each other and have been recorded nesting within a few metres. So if both species are present it may be worthwhile putting up two boxes at opposite ends of the same bridge and if you are lucky they may both be occupied. Its best to position the box a few metres above the water level to reduce the risk of it being submerged during floods. The box is designed with an angled back to deflect the flow around the box and reduce the chance of it being damaged or swept away by rivers in spate. When mounting this box close to flood prone rivers it should be positioned with the hole of the box facing downstream.

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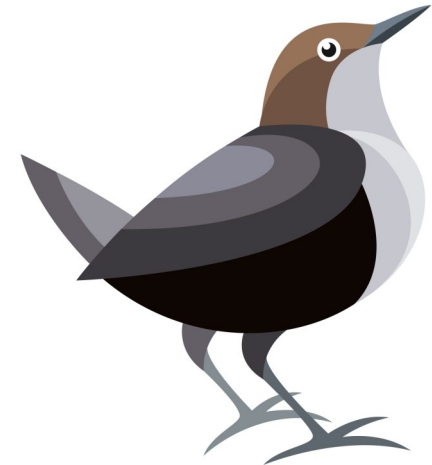
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User Guide



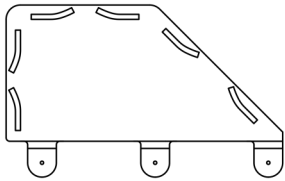
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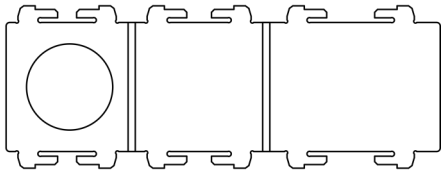
Assembly instructions

The Eco Dipper-Wagtail Nest Box is supplied flatpacked but is designed to be quick and easy to make into the box.

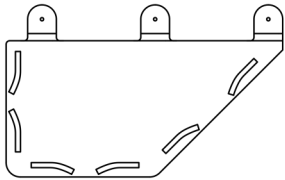
- 1.** Check you have all the parts of the box.



Left Side



Centre panel



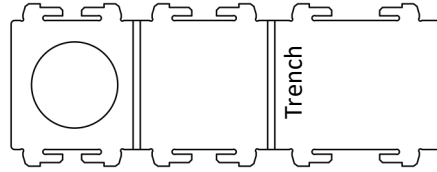
Right Side



6 x Screws

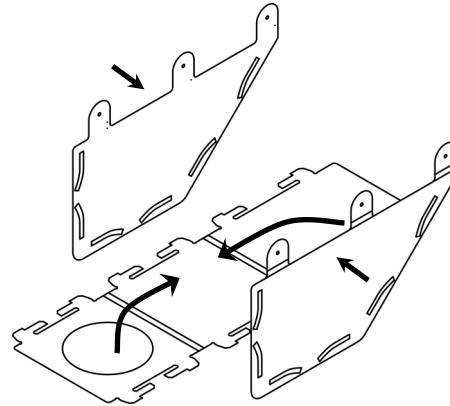
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Tab



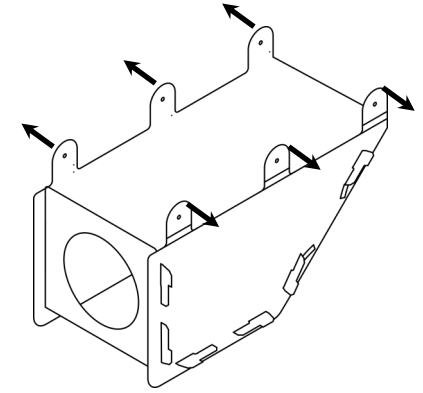
The centre panel has 6 tabs on each side which fit through the slots in the side panels. Before the three panels can be put together the tabs on the centre panel need to be bent slightly. One side of the central panel has two trenches cut into it and the other does not. With the trenches facing up, push the tabs down and away from you. They only need bending by about 20 degrees so they fit through the slots in the side

3.



Next attach the three panels together. Start by bending the centre panel along the trenches (the trenches should face into the box) so the tabs line up with the slots in the side panels. With the slots lined up push the side panels on to the centre panel. The side panels should have the trenches near the mounting holes facing outwards. When the panels are all together bend the tabs back to their original position to hold the box together.

4.



Finally to finish off the box and get it ready to mount in position bend the mounting brackets out ward so they are about at 90 degrees. Then fix the box in position with the supplied stainless steel screws or a suitable alternative depending on the surface the box its being attached to.