

## Nesting aid for birds and bats

### Goal

Support of birds and bats, organic pest control

### Short description of the measure

Before deciding to implement this action it would be good to have previous knowledge about the likely species that can use these boxes. Nesting aids can differ in size, height, diameter of entrance holes depending on the species which should be promoted. In the following are general aspects of how the aids should be constructed.

#### Nesting aids for birds

- Construction should be made of blunt, 20 cm thick wooden planks
- The ground should measure at least 12x12 cm.
- The downer margin of the hole must be at least 17 cm above the ground of the nesting aid
- The overlap of the roof above the entrance hole should be rather extended
- Installed 2–3 m height with direction east or south east

#### Nesting aids for bats

- Construction should be made of blunt, 20 cm thick wooden planks
- The inner side and backside should be rough and structured
- Installed at least 3–5 m height and bats should be able to approach the wholes freely, i.e. nesting wholes must not be overgrown or covered with branches

### Timeframe

(When to start a measure and anticipated time for implementation)

When to start: Nesting aids can be set up all year but at best in autumn as they provide shelter already in winter

### How auditors can assess if the measure has been implemented in a good quality?

- Orientation and protection as described above
- High quality, such as abandonment of chemical wood protectors, no splinters



Pic. 1: Nesting aid for Birds



Pic. 2: Nesting aid for Bats



## Further information: [Knowledge Pool](#)

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