



Open-front Nest Box from  
**Cheep Nestboxes**  
Guidelines



### **Location**

Try to choose a quiet part of the garden out of reach of potential predators (e.g. cats) and mount the box on a tree or the side of a building.

An ideal location for this type of box is hidden in a climber or some other dense shrubbery against a wall.

Do **NOT** place any nestbox close to a bird-table or feeding area. The regular movements of many other birds are likely to prevent breeding in the box.

### **Height**

Whether fixed to a tree or a wall (e.g. garage, house, shed, etc.), the height above ground is not crucial to most species of bird, as long as the box is clear of inquisitive humans and potential predators (i.e. cats).

### **Aspect**

If no natural shelter is available (e.g. if the box is mounted on an exposed building-side), it is best sited facing between north-west and north-east if possible, in order to avoid strong direct sunlight and the heaviest rain. The box should be tilted slightly forwards so that the roof deflects rain away from the entrance.

### **Annual cleaning**

After the end of each breeding season (ideally in October or November), your nestbox should be taken down and the old nesting materials removed (using gloves for personal hygiene) and the box scolded with boiling water to kill any parasites. Do **not** use insecticides or flea-powders.

### **IMPORTANT**

Under the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, if un-hatched eggs are found in the box, they can only legally be removed from October to January, and they **MUST** then be destroyed:

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO KEEP THEM!**

We hope your Cheep Nestboxes Open-front Nest Box brings you pleasure and is used successfully for many years to come.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any comments or questions about our product and please do let us know if it is successfully used.

Thank you again for your purchase from Cheep Nestboxes and we look forward to seeing you again.

Kindest regards,

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