



**Suffolk & Essex  
Coast & Heaths  
National  
Landscape**

## **Bird Boxes**

**When choosing a location for a nest box, consider:**

- **Height - It needs to be at least 3m off the ground**
- **Direction - Preferably facing between North & South-East to avoid direct sunlight and heavier rain.**
- **Tilt – The box needs to be slightly tilted forwards so that the roof will protect the entrance from rain.**
- **Disturbance - Avoid placing over busy paths.**
  - **Predators – Make sure cats and squirrels cannot get into the box.**

**One of the biggest causes of wildlife decline is the lack of suitable habitat. Adding bird boxes to your garden provides birds with a vital safe nest site.**



### **Cleaning Boxes**

**Bird boxes need to be kept clean to prevent the spread of pests & diseases. Cleaning can be done outside of the breeding season, between 1st September - 31st January.**

**Wearing gloves, remove and dispose of any old nesting material.**

**Pour hot water over the box & scrub with a sponge or brush. Leave outside to dry completely.**

**Any equipment used for cleaning bird boxes should not be used for other purposes.**



**For instructions on how to build & care for a bird box, scan the QR Code!**

