

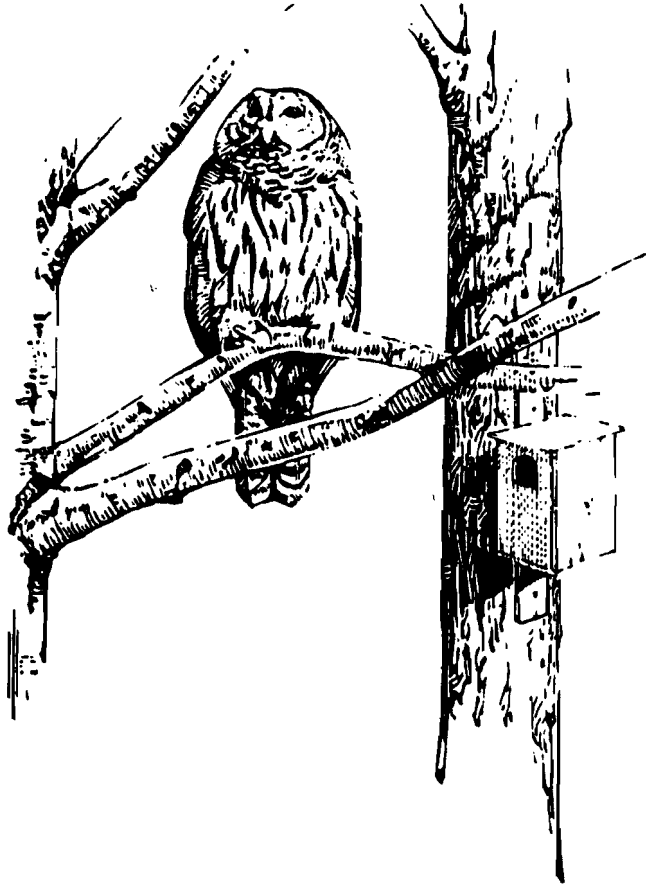
# Homes For Wildlife

**Nest boxes and platforms for use in extensive stands of deciduous or coniferous forest.**

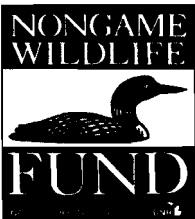
## **Barred Owl**

The barred owl is one of our more common owls in hardwood forests. Its call is a distinctive "Who-cooks-for-you." Its blue eyes are unique among Minnesota's owls. The barred owl nest box is made of 3/4-inch thick exterior grade plywood. Do not paint, stain, or treat the box with creosote. Put a 2 to 3 inch layer of small wood chips in the bottom of the box. No cleaning is needed except to remove leaves and other litter that squirrels put into the box. The entrance hole is 7 inches wide and 7 inches high with a rounded top and rounded corners at the bottom. The hole can be either on the front or on a side, but if it is on the side the box is easier to clean. This box can be cleaned out through the hole, so the roof does not need to be hinged.

The box should be cleaned out or placed in January. The box should be located 20 to 30 feet high in a mature lowland hardwood area, and preferably within 200 feet of water. Do not place the box on the edge of a clearing or within 150 feet of a residence. The entrance hole should not be obscured by branches or leaves, but a perch near the nest box is desirable. This perch should be near enough to the box so that the young can "branch" out onto it as they leave the nest. Otherwise they may fall to the ground and be eaten by predators. The box should be placed on a living tree which is at least 12 inches in diameter. There may be a slight preference for west-facing entrance holes.



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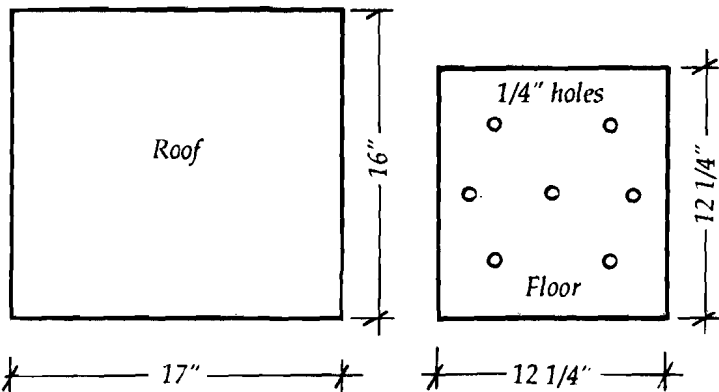
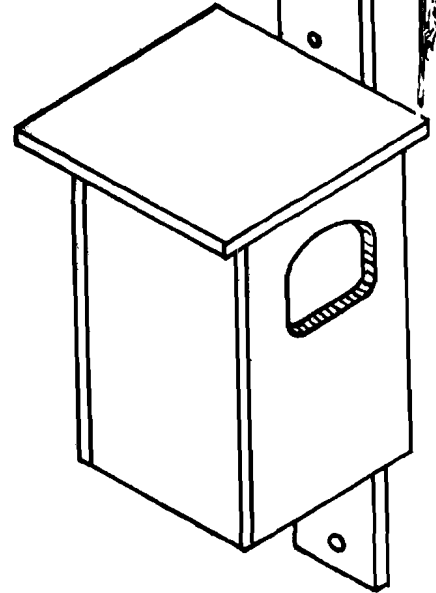
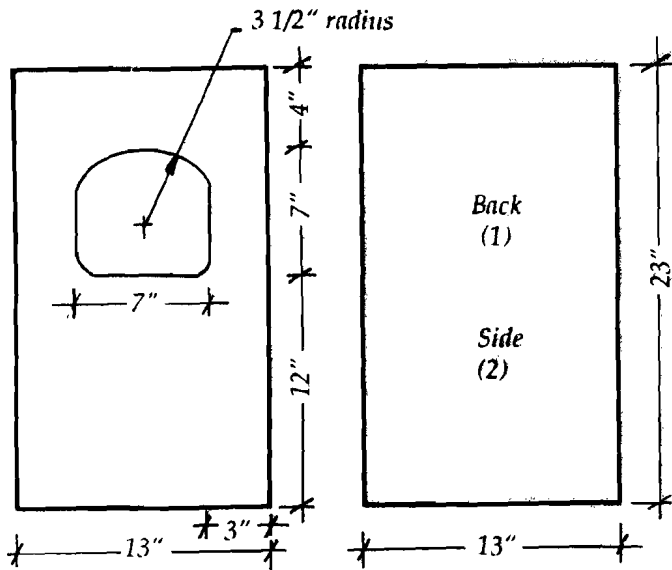
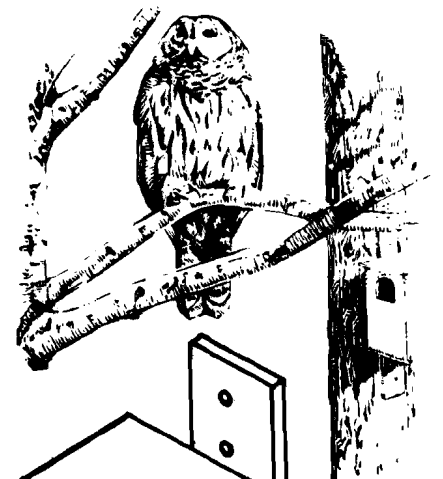
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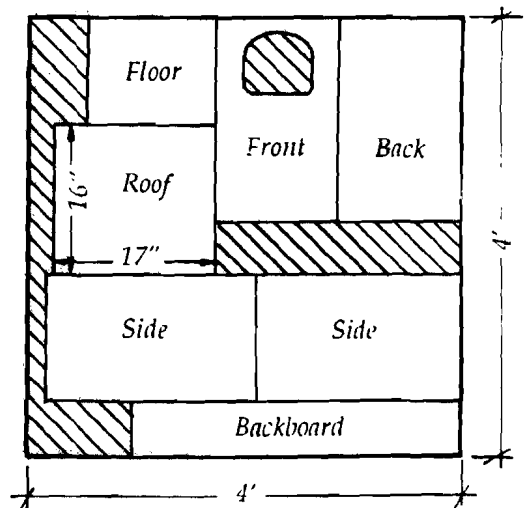
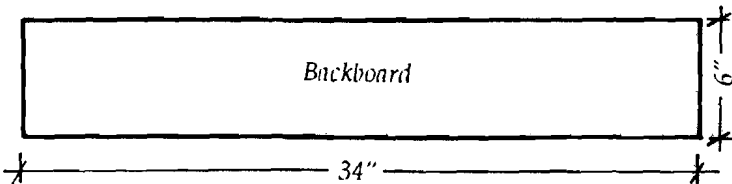
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## Barred Owl Nest Box



Note: No hinged door needed.  
Clean through entrance hole.



Lumber: One 4' x 4' x 3/4" sheet exterior plywood.

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