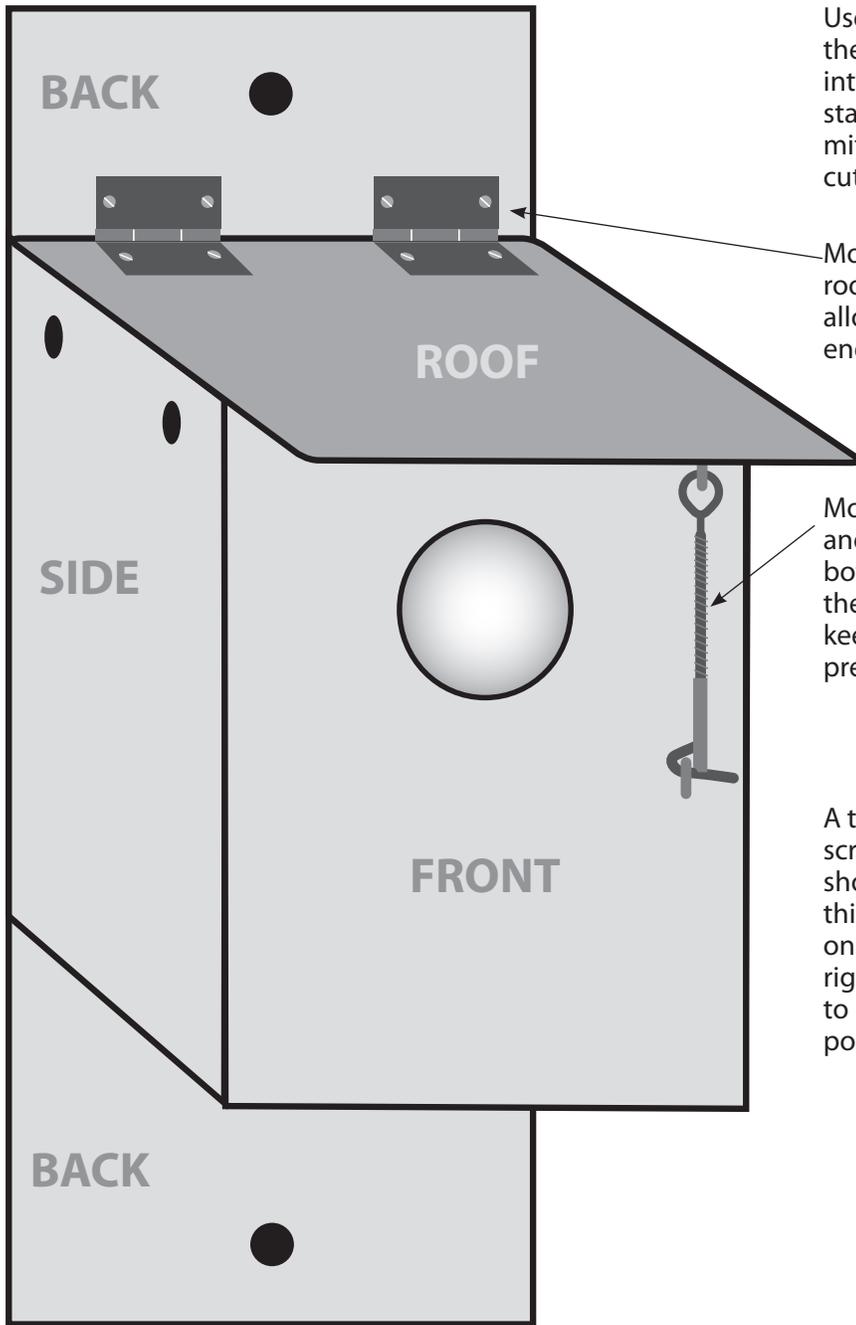


TREE SWALLOW NEST BOX INSTRUCTIONS

MATERIALS LIST:

- One plank of wood (cedar or pine) 6" wide x 56-1/2" long x 1/2" thick
- Twelve 1-1/2", flat head, wood screws
- Two 1-1/2" hinges
- One 3" safety hook and eye latch

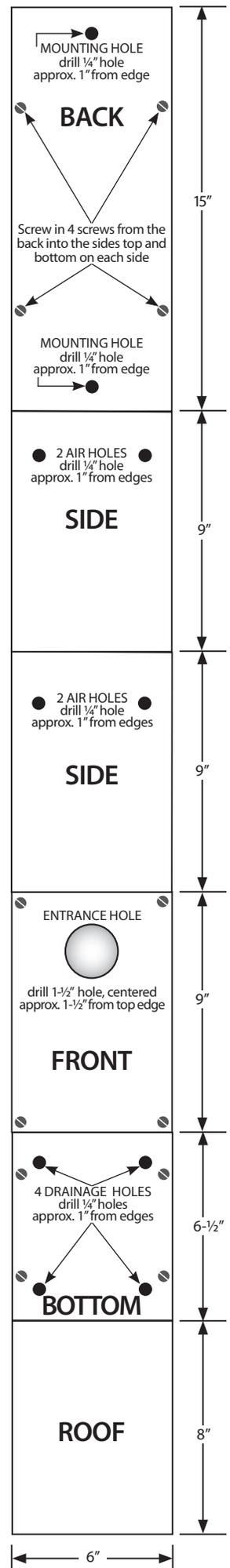


Use the illustration to the right to cut the wood into a total of 5 pieces. A standard circular saw or miter saw can be used for cutting.

Mount 2 hinges on the roof and the back. This allows for clean out at the end of the season.

Mount a 3" safety hook and eye latch to the bottom of the roof and the side of the front. This keeps the eggs safe from predators.

A total of 12 flat head screws are used and should be inserted where this symbol ● is shown on the illustration to the right. Use a power drill to insert the screws if possible.



The Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*) is a small, beautiful bird about 5 1/2 inches in length and has a metallic blue or blue-green upper part and a white under part. Tree Swallows are one of the first swallows to migrate back to the Meadowlands for the spring nesting season. Hundreds of pairs can be found in and around the Hackensack River and the Meadowlands' marshes, creeks and streams.

The Tree Swallow is a secondary cavity nester, which means it must have the use of dead trees to nest in, and it must have a hole that has been excavated by a primary cavity nester. Loss of habitat and competition for nest sites from other bird species are part of the reason why it is important to provide nest boxes for these birds. In some locations the Tree Swallows have become totally dependent on man-made boxes due to the loss of natural nesting habitats.