

# PROJECT WREN house wren



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## Natural History

House wrens reside in thick underbrush forests, forest edges, and clearings like back yards that contain tall shrubs or trees. Place boxes at least 100' away from other nest boxes as they will destroy eggs of other cavity nesters. Males will build mock nests inside all boxes when given territory, and the female will choose the one to use. Multiple houses in your yard can make it more appealing for nesting, even if your yard is too small to support multiple wren nests.

## Nesting Habitat

House wren nests are generally made of twigs and hold 6-8 speckled eggs. Wrens commonly raise two broods per year but not always in the same house. Wait until fall to clean out the house.

## Box Location

Place the wren box within 100' of wooded area. Attach the box under an eave, on a living or dead tree, or a pole with open space in front of the box.

**FUN FACT:** House wrens are the only species of wren that will use a free-hanging house that swings with wind.

## Box Installation

Hang the box 5'-10' above the ground, and space house wren boxes at least 100' apart.

