

What's in it for us?



The Bird Brick House is a new and innovative way to provide permanent nesting holes and roosting sites as an integral part of the fabric of a building. It is the simplest, most cost-effective means of reversing the trend of traditional nesting habitat loss.

Planners and Conservation Officers are looking ever more closely at ways to reduce the impact of building development on the environment, especially on the birds, animals and insects that are displaced. Building plans which show a sympathetic approach to this stand a better chance of gaining planning permission. Increasingly, the inclusion of nesting sites in planning applications is becoming mandatory.

For developers and house builders this provides a simple, inexpensive and speedy way to help in successfully discharging planning conditions.

For householders it brings excitement and interest and the pleasure of helping biodiversity.



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Bird bricks
David Morley Architects

The Bird Brick House Story

Duncan and Jenny McCutchan have combined their experience of 25 years in the building trade and years of installing and monitoring barn owl nest boxes in East Sussex. During that time they have seen building styles offer fewer and fewer opportunities for wildlife so they wanted to find a way to reverse this trend – hence Bird Brick Houses.

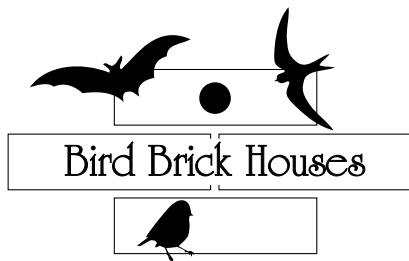
Duncan started to build nest sites in stone and flint walls in 2001. These have had excellent results, becoming homes for birds like wrens, nuthatches and house sparrows and two groups of masonry bees. Sadly, they are not able to be cleaned out, so have become full of material and unable to be used after a time. In contrast, Bird Brick Houses are permanent and the front is removable so they can be easily cleaned out and will be used for decades to come.

Production

We cut and fit brick slivers to the bird box front plate using your exact brick specification.

If you would like more information, samples or to discuss how Bird Brick Houses could work for you, please contact Jenny or Duncan on the numbers or email address below.

Please refer to our website for pricing. Discounts are available for large orders.



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**Habitat
construction for
hole-nesting birds
and bats**

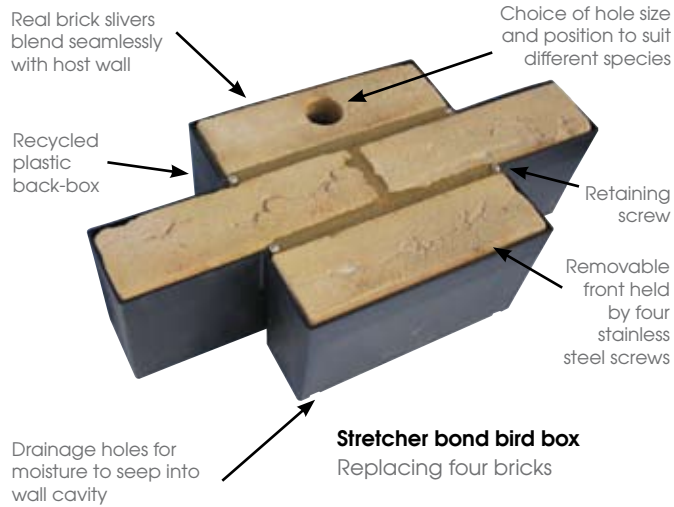
**Cleverly designed
nest boxes
with the removable
brick front**



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This is how it works

Permanent nest sites for hole-nesting birds and most British bat species.



Applications

- New builds
- Extensions
- Commercial buildings
- Village halls, hospices and hospitals, schools, etc.
- Garden and park walls
- Retrospective
- Brick or rendered properties
- Retail parks



Main housing of box
With front removed

Specification and features

The box is designed to fit into the brick bond of the host wall. It will fit metric 75mm half bond and some imperial 3 inch half bond brickwork. It can be fitted in new walls during construction or retrospectively in existing walls.

Brick slivers are cut off the face of bricks matching the host wall and bonded to the box front plate. One sliver will have a bird access hole cut into it – 25, 28, 32 or 50mm, dependent on target bird species, or a slot for bats. Four stainless steel screws hold the removable brick-faced front plate to the box. This means the box blends in seamlessly with the host wall. All that is visible is the access hole.

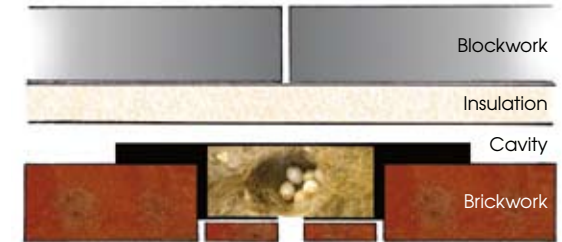
- Removable front enables cleaning and monitoring
- More predator-proof, weather resistant and vandal resistant than a conventional wooden box
- More suitable environment due to less fluctuations in temperature
- Lasts the lifespan of the building so better value
- Can be fitted with a camera at a later date



From top: swift, bat and sparrow double terrace boxes in situ

Installation

Your bricklayer mortars the boxes at your specified positions. Completed boxes take only a matter of a few minutes to install. We do offer a full fitting service for installations in existing structures.



Plan view illustration of box in cavity wall

The entrance hole size depends on the species you hope to attract:

- 25 mm for blue, coal and marsh tits
- 28 mm for great tits, tree sparrows and pied flycatchers
- 32 mm for house sparrows and nuthatches
- 50 mm for starlings
- 80 mm crescent hole for swifts
- Slot for bats

A bespoke home for bats

This bat box suits most bat species and is self-cleaning due to its angled base.

Baffle board for bats to cling to (removable for monitoring)

