

Hackney Council – Specification for Bird and Bat Box Siting

Attachment

- Avoid damaging trees when fixing boxes.
- Use tree ties or strapping (not nails).
- A rubber strap with buckle should be screwed or bolted to the box with the washer and flat side pointing out. Multiple ties can be tied together to secure the box to the tree around the trunk.
- It is recommended that tree ties are checked and loosened once every two years to ensure they do not start to restrict the tree or become degraded.

Bat Boxes

- Attach at least 5m up a tree.
- Place 2 or 3 boxes in each tree facing different directions between south-east and south-west.
- Ensure box is clear of overhanging branches.
- Locate in lines of mature trees or by hedgerows.
- Ensure the boxes are not placed directly above a path or other area used by the public (in case they fall out of the tree).

Bird Boxes – Hole

- Attach 2-4m up a tree.
- Face the box between north and east to avoid strong sunlight and winds.
- Make sure birds have a clear flight path to the nest.
- Tilt boxes forward slightly so rain will bounce away.
- Ensure the boxes are not placed directly above a path or other area used by the public (in case they fall out of the tree).

Bird Boxes – Open-Front

- Position open-fronted boxes below 2m, well hidden in vegetation.
- Ensure the boxes are not placed directly above a path or other area used by the public (in case they fall out of the tree).

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