

# FANWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

invites you to

## BUILD-A-BIRDHOUSE CONTEST 2007

### Contest Rules

- No entry fee
- Categories: CHILD (Under 13 years) and GENERAL (13 & above)
- Submission Deadline  
**September 25, 3:00pm**
- Drop off birdhouses with Registration form at Fanwood Memorial Library during regular library hours.
- Birdhouses must be hand-made with bird-friendly materials. It should contain suitable sturdy mounting mechanism.
- Birdhouses should be able to withstand weather conditions for at least one year.
- Entries will become the property of Fanwood Environmental Commission & will be used in the Fanwood Nature Center & other Fanwood Open Spaces.
- 2 fabulous prizes for each category\*. Winning entries will be announced at Fanny Wood Day on Sep 30th.
- The FEC reserves the right to decide on issues not indicated here.



### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Category:  CHILD  GENERAL

Bird House Title:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Birdhouse is meant for:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(Type of bird)*

\*We thank the generous prize donations from the following businesses: Wild Birds Unlimited, Sanguilliano Garden Center, Home Depot, Parker Gardens, and Scoops.

Specs, resources/ tips on building birdhouses is available on the reverse. For questions, contact Sandra Redder at [fanwoodbirdhouse@gmail.com](mailto:fanwoodbirdhouse@gmail.com)

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## SPECIFICATIONS & TIPS/RESOURCES

### *Tips to get you started*

- The roof should extend out over the entrance hole several inches. This overhang helps keep some of the rain out of the birdhouse.
- The birdhouse should have ventilation and drainage holes or slots.
- The house should have a way to easily clean it out.
- Color matters – Birds do see colors. Do not paint or stain inside the birdhouse. Stain or paint with a non-toxic paint. Purple Martin houses are normally white to help reflect the heat.
- Size matters – Different bird species prefer birdhouses of certain sizes. The different bird species prefer various sized entries, as well. The hole needs to be ONLY that size since larger holes invite predators (birds, squirrels, etc.) to invade the box, either killing the chicks or taking over the box and evicting the previous residents. See the above chart.
- Help deter predators – Ensure the entrance size is adequate for the bird you want to attract to your house. There should be NO perch outside of the entrance hole. Birds do not need this perch to get inside. More importantly, the perch allows other predators a place to sit and harass the parents and baby birds inside, perhaps even killing them.

### *Birdhouse Specifications*

Species	House floor (inches)	House depth (inches)	Hole above Floor (inches)	Diameter of Hole (inches)	Height above Ground (feet)
Bluebird	5 X 5	8	6	1-1/2	5-10
Chickadee	4 X 4	8-10	6-8	1-1/8	6-15
Titmouse	4 X 4	8-10	6-8	1-1/4	6-15
Nuthatch	4 X 4	8-10	6-8	1-1/4	12-20
Bewick's Wren	4 X 4	6-8	4-6	1 - 1-1/4	6-10
Carolina Wren	4 X 4	6-8	4-6	1-1/2	6-10
Purple Martin	6 X 6	6	2	2-1/2	10-15
Crested Flycatcher	6 X 6	8-10	6-8	2	8-20
Flicker	7 X 7	16-18	14-16	2 -1/2	6-20
Red-Headed Woodpecker	6 X 6	12-15	9-12	2	12-20
Downy Woodpecker	4 X 4	9-12	6-8	1-1/4	6-20
Robin	6 X 8	8	(1+ sides open)		6-15
Barn Swallow	6 X 6	6	(1+ sides open)		8-12
Phoebe	6 X 6	6	(1+ sides open)		8-12
Screech Owl	8 X 8	12-15	9-12	3	10-30
Wood Duck	10 - 18	10-24	12-16	4	10-20