


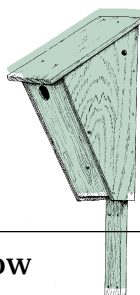
TROUBLE-SHOOTING GUIDE FOR NEST-BOX LANDLORDS

<i>What you might find</i>	<i>What may be the cause</i>	<i>What you could do . . .</i>
<p>Eggs Eggs missing, nest intact</p>	<p>snake, rodent, House Sparrow, House Wren</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install predator guards on box poles. • Move boxes away from areas where House Sparrows are prevalent. • Trap and remove House Sparrows. • Move boxes away from prime House Wren habitat.
<p>Eggs missing, nest partially pulled out of hole</p>	<p>raccoon, cat</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install predator guards on box poles. • Install boxes high enough so cats can't leap from the ground to the box roof. • Place box away from trees or fences to prevent raccoons and cats from climbing or jumping to the box.
<p>Eggs on ground under nest, nest intact</p>	<p>House Sparrow, House Wren</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move boxes away from areas where House Sparrows are prevalent. • Trap and remove House Sparrows. • Move boxes away from prime House Wren habitat.
<p>Eggs on ground under nest, nest partially pulled out of hole or nest on ground under box</p>	<p>raccoon, cat, human vandalism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install predator guards on box poles. • Install boxes high enough so cats can't leap from the ground to the box roof. • Place box away from trees or fences to prevent raccoons and cats from climbing or jumping to the box. • Securely close box with screws.
<p>Tiny holes pecked in eggs</p>	<p>House Wren</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move boxes away from prime House Wren habitat.
<p>Eggs fail to hatch</p>	<p>bad weather, infertile eggs, runt eggs, female disappeared</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some things are beyond our control.

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TROUBLE-SHOOTING GUIDE (Continued)

<i>What you might find</i>	<i>What may be the cause</i>	<i>What you could do...</i>
<p><i>Nestlings</i> Nestlings missing, nest intact</p>	snake, House Sparrow, House Wren	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install predator guards on box poles. • Move boxes away from areas where House Sparrows are prevalent. • Trap and remove House Sparrows. • Move boxes away from prime House Wren habitat.
Nestlings missing, nest disturbed, or partially pulled through hole	raccoon, cat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install predator guards on box poles. • Install boxes high enough so cats can't leap from the ground to the box roof. • Place box away from trees or fences to prevent raccoons and cats from climbing or jumping to the box.
Nestlings dead in box and show signs of trauma, especially around head	House Sparrow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move boxes away from areas where House Sparrows are prevalent. • Trap and remove House Sparrows.
Nestlings dead in box, no signs of foul play	bad weather, chemical poisoning, nestlings could not climb out of box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't use lawn, garden and insect chemical products. • Discuss possible chemical application problems with neighbors, golf courses, etc. • Install fledgling ladder or roughen up the inside of the nest box directly under the entrance hole.
<p><i>Adults</i> Adult dead in nest, signs of trauma, especially around head</p>	House Sparrow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move boxes away from areas where House Sparrows are prevalent. • Trap and remove House Sparrows.
Feathers scattered around on ground below box	raccoon, cat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install predator guards on box poles. • Install boxes high enough so cats can't leap from the ground to the box roof. • Place box away from trees or fences to prevent raccoons and cats from climbing or jumping to the box.



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