

P/19/061/HH Details of Bat and Bird Boxes

From: Emma Bass
To: [Walton Lisa](#)
Subject: Fwd: Bat and bird boxes
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Below is attached email advising us regarding the bat and bird boxes as we have no trees or hedges and it needs to be on an external wall 4 m from ground we shall have to put them up on rear side of property I think realistically we can only have two bat and one bird box for size of property . We will buy 3 of the boxes they suggest . Is that ok or do you need more information .

Regards Emma

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Darren Hart <[REDACTED]>
Date: January 24, 2020 at 10:52:35 GMT
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Subject: Bat and bird boxes

Dear Emma and James

Further to your enquiry about bird and bat boxes we would recommend that if possible you erect a minimum of 3 bat boxes on the property. We would recommend their orientation be east, west and north. The height at which they ideally need to be erected is 4 m above ground level. However, 3 m would suit if it is not safe to go to 4 m high. If possible, erect them close to cover, such as a hedgerow, but try to avoid erecting them near external lights, as this will likely deter bats from using them. The bats will need a clear flight path to the entrance.

For the bats that you are likely to find on the island we would recommend boxes that suit crevice dwelling species, some suppliers of boxes are given below. Choose a box with a narrow entrance slit at the bottom, that is made from rough sawn timber, or pre-moulded woodcrete. There is also the option of integrated bat and bird boxes that form part of the brickwork (see Habibat).

All the suppliers below will also stock bird boxes. Any bird box should be situated at least 3 m high on a tree or building. Unless there are trees or buildings providing shade during the day, face the box between north and east, thus avoiding strongest sunlight and wettest wind. Tilt the box slightly forward so that driving rain will hit the roof and bounce clear. I would recommend two boxes with 32 mm holes and placed as far apart as possible. House sparrows will happily nest in close proximity but other species are less likely and prefer a bit of space. Keep nest boxes away from areas where House Martins and Swallows nest.

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If there are any further questions, or queries please do not hesitate to contact me. Good luck.

All the best

Darren

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