

## Other Activities

### A. Make your own Bird feeder.

Watch this video:

<https://youtu.be/ComKxjdPfjw>

You will need

Plastic bottle; water, Coke, Pepsi, Fanta etc

Two small sticks

Some string

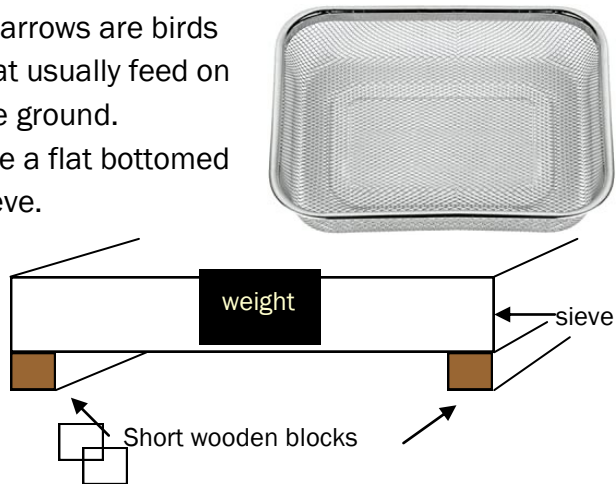
Sharp scissors

Mixed Wild Bird Seed

### B. Make a Ground Feeding Station

Sparrows are birds that usually feed on the ground.

Use a flat bottomed sieve.



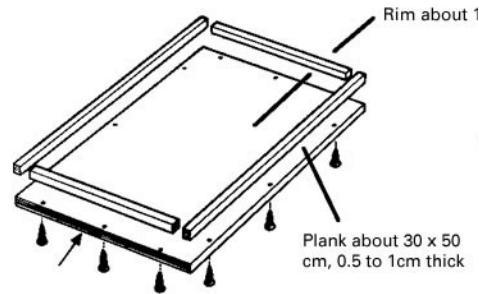
Put two thin square sticks underneath it, at the end, to keep it just off the ground. Put a large stone Small brick or some other weight to hold the sieve down. Cover the bottom with wild bird seed. If splash out and get a stainless steel sieve you will be able to wash it in the dishwasher and it wont rust. Place it where you can see it but in the open so cats cant sneak up on the birds.



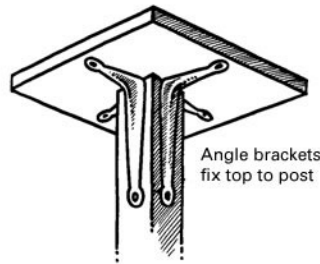
### C. Make a simple bird Table

To make the table top you need a flat piece of wood ( you could use an old cupboard door). You need some thin strips of wood to go round the edge to

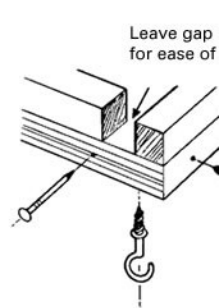
stop food being blown off or washed away.



Use a fence post to hold the table up and get help to screw 4 angle brackets as in the diagram.



A nail, or better, a hook beneath corner allows feeders to be hung from table.



Screw some cup hooks into the edge of the table so you can hang other feeders from it.



Decide where you want the table. Position a fence post holder and push it right down into the ground. Slide the post into the holder.



HELP!!!



## WINTER PROJECT 1

### Help the House Sparrow

#### Part B - Taking Action

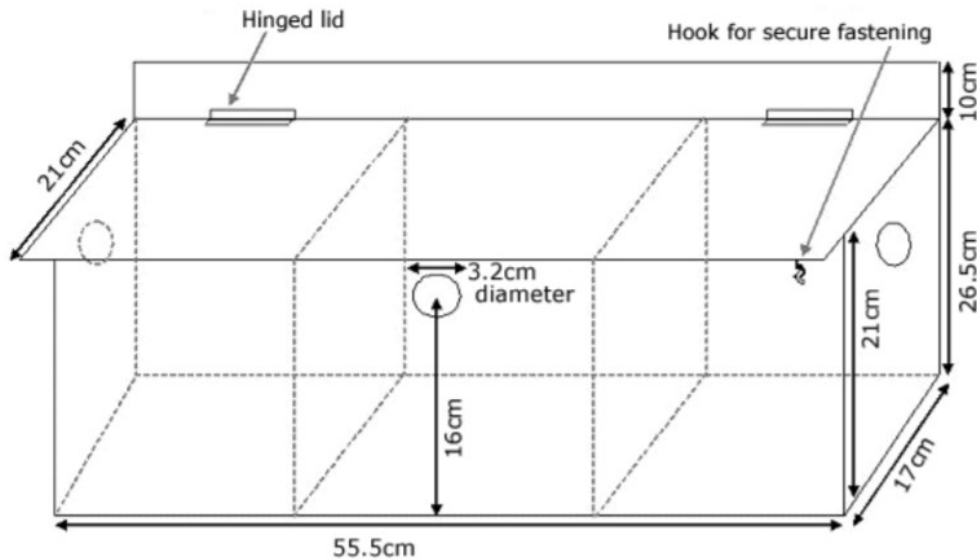
There are 4 parts to this winter project

- FINDING OUT** - research, internet, books and observations.
- TAKING ACTION**—Building and making stuff.
- WILDWATCH Sparrow**—point scoring, I-Spy like check sheet and project recording
- All about the House Sparrow.** Hopefully the answers to all the previous questions Part A can be found on this sheet somewhere — don't cheat!

## WARNING

**Note:** If you involve children (and we hope you do) in our Practical Projects then obviously supervision while using tools and the provision of support throughout is essential.

House Sparrows like to nest together> Here is an apartment nestbox that you could make or buy, 3 for the price of one.



Build or buy a Nestbox and help your sparrows make a home. Here are two boxes,

APARTMENT

SINGLE BOX

If you would like somebody to make your nestbox for you then contact Andrew Bishop by email:

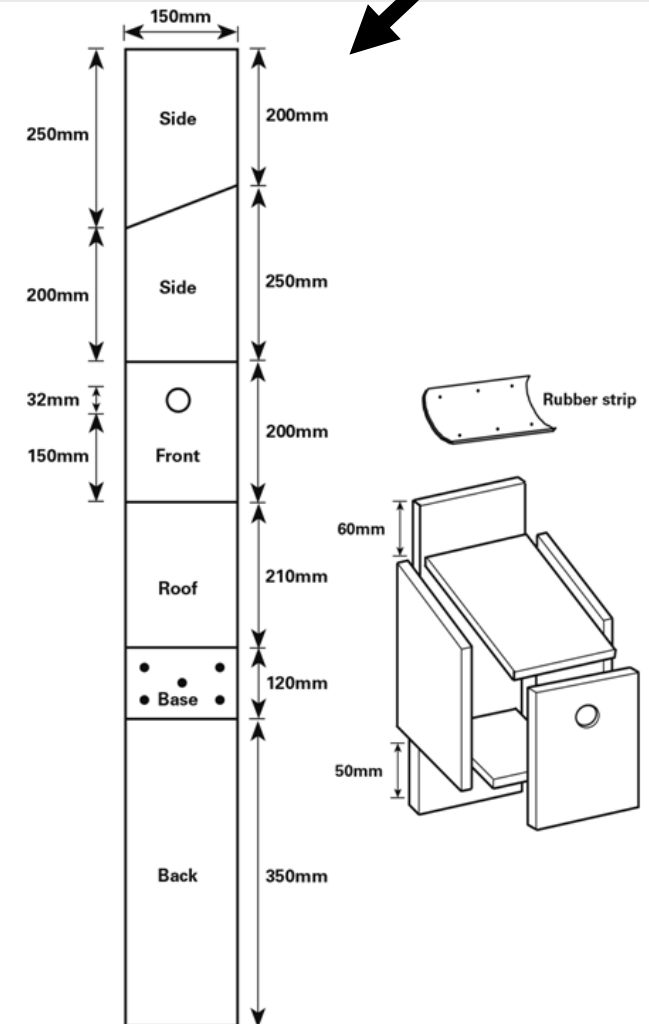
Andrew.61@btinternet.com

Apartment Box (3 hole) £12

Single Nestbox (1 hole) £6

#### HINTS and TIPS

1. The thickness of the wood is important because it keeps the box and the eggs/chicks cool when sun is out and warm when its not. Use good wood (exterior-quality plywood or hardwoods (such as oak and beech) or soft wood (such as pine. Pine is ok but wont last as long.
2. Try to cut accurately so the peices fit well together.
3. Nail or screw the pieces together. If you screw it has the advantage of allowing you to change a section should rot or become damaged.
4. The hole should be 32mm across but don't be suprised if the House Sparrows make some adjustments, they like things just right.
5. The roof can be screwed/nailed on but a rubber flap/strip across the back can work as a hinge. Sometimes we put some blocks of wood on the underside of lid so it can be pushed into place. Your choice.
6. Put on an outside wall, remember Sparrows like to nest under the roof so they are not afraid of heights. 3 metres high minimum and not over a window if you don't want to fall out with your window cleaner! Try to choose a wall you can see from inside the house?



Andy Bishop is resident conservation carpenter :-)  
He has already built many Hedgehog hibernation/breeding Boxes for us and is quite happy to make which ever type of box you like.  
Email Andy????????? Price:????