

# WOOD DUCK HOUSE ORDER FORM

## Why Do I Want a Wood Duck House?

- *Wood Duck Houses are vital to the preservation of the wood duck populations which, although have started to recover, are threatened by loss of habitat. Along with aiding the wood duck populations, these wood duck houses also provide shelter for other migratory waterfowl species.*

## Location and Installation of Wood Duck Houses?

- *Do not mount wood duck houses on a tree, this is one of the most common mistakes with wood duck houses due to easy access for predators. Use a post made of PVC pipe, cedar, metal, etc... and mount the house six feet from the ground, water, shoreline. It is important to install a galvanized sheet metal predator guard with a minimum of 36" from the ground, water., or shoreline.*

## What Maintenance is required?

- *After installation it is helpful to lay down 2-3" of wood chips or sawdust to keep the eggs from rolling around. Cleaning out the boxes in late summer/fall is recommended to prevent mice, beetles, other bird nesting from taking over the wood duck house. A winter damage check is also recommended just before the spring when egg-laying will begin.*

***Please make payments to Ford County SWCD***

We recommend buying or making shields for your wood duck houses to protect the wood ducks. There are simple instructions on the back

WOOD DUCK HOUSE MATERIAL	PRICE	QUANTITY ORDERED	TOTAL
Pine Material	\$ 50.00		
Cedar Material	\$ 65.00		

Please send payments to: Ford County SWCD, 1380 W Ottawa, Paxton, IL 60957

**TOTAL COST:**

*Aside from materials and labor the remaining proceeds go to the Ford County SWCD to assist with upcoming adult and youth education events.*

## Order Information

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

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only: Date Recd: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Pd: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

# HOW TO BUILD A CONE-SHAPED PREDATOR GUARD

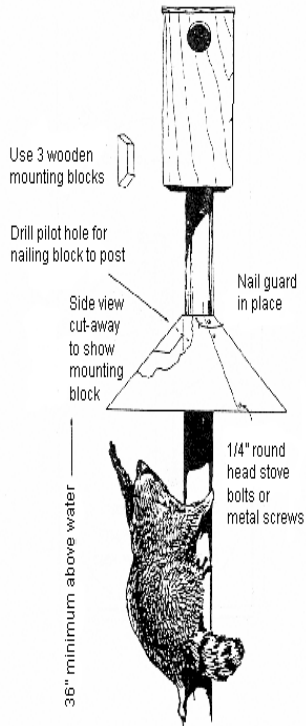
This type of predator guard is shaped like an inverted cone. Conical guards are easier and cheaper to make than stovepipe baffles, however, they aren't as effective. If you want an easy to build guard, then conical guards are much better than no guard at all! Place the cone at least three feet from the ground or water where the nest box is located.

## MATERIALS

1. 3' x 8' sheet of 26 gauge sheet metal
2. Three wooden mounting blocks
3. 1/4" round head stove bolts/metal screws
4. Tin snips Leather gloves

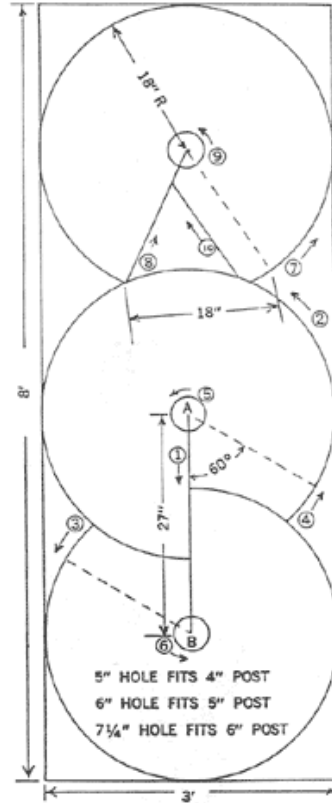
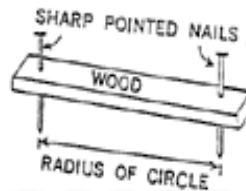
## DIRECTIONS

1. Mark the sheet as shown on the design illustration. This design will make three predator guards.
2. Cut on solid lines only and follow the sequence of numbers.
3. Make circular cuts in a counterclockwise direction. Adjust the center hole cut to match the diameter of the post.
4. To make the initial cut on line A-B; make a slot at A with a cold chisel.
5. Be sure to wear gloves when cutting.
6. Fold the metal circles over to make cones and overlap at the dotted lines.
7. Attach the overlapping area together with round head stove bolts or metal screws.
8. Attach the wooden mounting blocks to the post so that the predator guard can rest evenly.
9. Place the predator guard over the post before attaching the nest box.



By: Maryland Department of Natural Resources; [Design illustration](#) USFWS

Home-made compass for scribing metal



Layout for cutting 3 predator guards from a 3' x 8' sheet of 26-gauge galvanized metal.