

Nesting Box Installation & Monitoring

Installation

To install the nesting box made at Arbury Park Outdoor School, select a tree away from busy areas, preferably one without low branches.

Following safe procedures, a capable adult should use an extension ladder to site the nesting box -

- ◆ above 4 metres
- ◆ away from nearby forks, branches or other positions that could allow access by cats or other predators.
- ◆ on the southern side of the trunk or thick branch to reduce heating in summer. Painting the box with a white acrylic exterior paint will also reduce heating and extend the life of the box.

Monitoring

Monitor the use of the box, and clean out any nests of feral birds such as starlings. Remove the lid by using a cordless drill with a driver bit.

Keep records including the species of bird inspecting or using the box, and dates and details of events such as pair feeding by parents, and the emergence of young. Please complete the nesting box survey on our website arburypark.sa.edu.au

Further information

Gould League booklet *Nest Boxes for Birds and Mammals*.

The Australian Bird-Garden, by G. Pizzey.

