



Forming the Foundation for a Lifelong Relationship with Nature

Project Nest Box - School Nest Watch Program is a not-for-profit program which donates six nesting boxes to each interested school to be installed on the school grounds. The students monitor the boxes bi-weekly from April through July and report their observations online at Bird Studies Canada's Project NestWatch database. Data is shared nationally with various Provincial Nest Record Schemes providing a collective picture of the health of bird populations across Canada.

The boxes arrive at the schools in kit form ready for the students to assemble. Each kit includes easy-to-follow assembly instructions and all the hardware required to assemble each box. All you need is a screwdriver. Also included with each shipment are monitoring instructions and a beautiful colour poster for the classroom depicting the species of birds most likely to nest in the boxes. To ensure accurate recording, the poster includes photos of the nests, eggs and adults with descriptions of characteristics unique to each species.

Each nest box is made from 100% post-consumer recycled plastic which makes them superior to their wooden counterparts as they won't warp, swell or rot, with the added benefit of keeping plastic out of the landfills!

For more information on **Project Nest Box - School Nest Watch Program**, please call (905) 726-9658 (toll-free 888-646-4246) or email carolin.grandin@midpoint-int.com.

Visit Bird Studies Canada's NestWatch site at <http://www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/pnw/> to learn more about their national program and to set up your profile for recording your findings. If you are part of Project Nest Box – *School Nest Watch Program*, **be sure to check off the box indicating that you would like your data to be made available to the School Nest Watch Program**. By doing so, we can keep separate statistics and follow just how many records come from our School Nest Watch Program participants!

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