

## Bat and bird boxes

### Bird boxes

Swallow and housemartin nest boxes should be placed inside outbuildings (sheds, barns or stables). ensure there is always access for the birds through an open window or sky-light. Swallows are sociable birds but multiple nests should not be placed at less than 1m intervals. For further information see see [http://www.alanaecology.com/acatalog/Schwegler\\_House\\_Martin\\_Swallow\\_Swift\\_Nest\\_Box.html](http://www.alanaecology.com/acatalog/Schwegler_House_Martin_Swallow_Swift_Nest_Box.html)

Erect swift, starling and house-sparrow nest boxes and/or bricks on/in any tall building at least 5 metres above ground, protected from the elements and north/east facing. For further advice see [http://www.rspb.org.uk/advice/helpingbirds/roofs/internal\\_boxes.asp](http://www.rspb.org.uk/advice/helpingbirds/roofs/internal_boxes.asp).

For most other species (robins, wagtails, flycatchers, wrens, redstarts, tits, dippers, sparrows, nuthatches etc) see <http://www.alanaecology.com/acatalog/Birdboxes.html>

### Bat boxes and bat bricks

Erect bat boxes (e.g. Schwegler 1FQ) or bricks (e.g. Schwegler N27 or 1FR) onto/into the new buildings. These maintenance free roosts need to be installed at least 3m off the ground and facing in a southerly direction, and shaded from any direct outdoor lighting source.

Bat boxes on trees: Erect suitable bat boxes as per local species (eg Schwegler 2F, 2DFP, 1FD, 2FN, 1FS, 1FW) appropriately on mature trees to be retained: Site the box near a source of food. Bats feed over gardens, fields, water and in woodlands. Choose a tall mature tree and fix the box at a height of 4 metres above the ground with the access facing south west or south east. The box should not be not too exposed so it will not experience extremes of heat and cold.