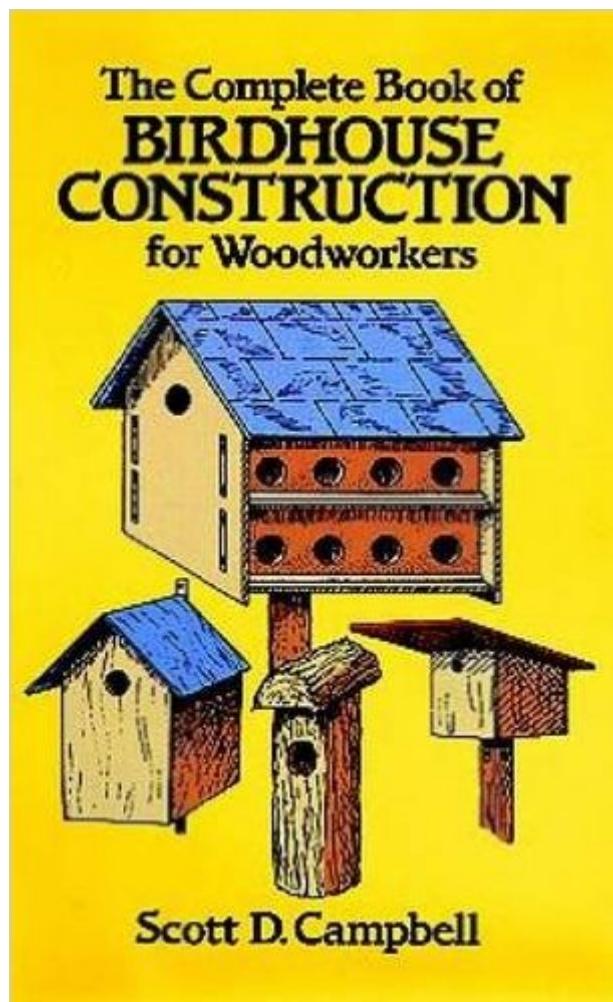


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# The Complete Book Of Birdhouse Construction For Woodworkers (Dover Woodworking)



## Synopsis

Here is a complete, down-to-the-last-detail guide for building attractive, sturdy, and genuinely inhabitable wooden birdhouses that will add a touch of natural beauty to garden, backyard, or anywhere else they are placed. Step-by-step instructions, clear diagrams, and many helpful illustrations and tables are included. All designs can be adapted to the use of simple hand tools • saw, hammer, screwdriver • making these projects ideal for woodworkers of all ages and levels of experience. Includes clear, easy-to-follow coverage for these topics: the selection of woods, helpful construction tips and techniques, hanging and supporting birdhouses, inspection and cleaning, proper placement, construction of pest guards, and much more. More than just a collection of projects, this complete guide shows not only how to construct birdhouses, but also how to insure that birds will actually be able to nest in them. It even shows how to attract specific species: bluebirds, doves, finches, swallows, and many others. Included is much valuable and practical information not found in the usual craft book: nesting requirements for each species, proper size of entrance holes, data on the habitats and behavior of particular types of birds, and more. The rewards and satisfaction of building your own well-designed, durable birdhouse make this book a welcome addition to the library of the experienced craftsman as well as beginning and intermediate woodworkers.

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This book is short and to the point, well researched and documented. There is a bibliography in the back that is helpful for further reading. The plans in this book are for simple, unadorned, basic shelter for birds. Even if you want to build fancy "designer" birdhouses, you need this book to discover the entrance size, location and interior requirements for dozens of species of birds. He even gives great tips on how to locate your completed shelters, including population density for most species covered. There is an amazing amount of information in this 48 page book. I would highly recommend this book for anyone contemplating building birdhouses. Your success as a bird "landlord" will be assured!

I picked this up, down in Cape May, New Jersey one summer day to read at the beach. Realized there was a lot of info and it was researched and well written for the weekend do it your selfer, also good for Scouts etc. A really good reference book that every library or bird enthusiasts should have. Well worth the \$2.00. The drawings are done quite well, helps you buy materials to save money. The only thing really missing is nails and or screws that will be required but that's not really bad as the hobbyists should know all ready. Roger

Not very complete as far as types of birdhouses depicted, but it has one of the best and most complete tables listing the interior size and other dimensions needed to construct houses for various species of birds. It also recommends the habitat and height above the ground for locating houses for the various species, and best of all it is cheap. I like it.

This book is very helpful for making birdhouses. Not only does it give you several plans for birdhouses it also provides detailed information on different bird species. That information will help you know what type of house to build, opening sizing and more. I got this for my nine year old daughter and she really likes it. So, it's pretty easy to read and other than the charts is not too dry to read either.

This book does have a lot of good information, but the drawings are sketchy and inadequate for a beginning woodworker. Even worse, the drawings are rarely next to the relevant text. For instance, when you're reading the Purple Martin house instructions, you're looking at the Phoebe house.

Three dollars and fifty cents! I bought it for the reference information mentioned in my review title,

i.e., entrance hole sizes by species, along with nest height. For \$20, that would be a big one or two stars. For \$3.50, that's a solid 5 stars! This is not a pretty backyard birdhouse plan book! It's a short, to the point treatise on what birds like and need.

Don't expect to open this book and start building birdhouses right away. There are very few diagrams or pictures, mostly detailed discussions of bird house attributes. This is not the book for children or first time builders since the author assumes the reader is already a woodworker. However, careful reading will reveal a lot of useful information, making this a welcome addition to my "how to" library.

This book has a lot of useful information for you to use in making your own blue prints. If you're looking for blue mprints to use to make a bird house, this is not the right book. The information it supplies is the interior size, hole size and shape, hole height and how high the house should be above ground. It also gives some examples on how to hang the bird house you've made. The plans for the included are very generic and don't give much detail. Overall, this is a handy reference guide, but not very good if you need plans.

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