

ADOPT A SWALLOW BOX TODAY!

Please detach and submit to IBEC

Yes, I would like to register for the Adopt-A-Swallow Box program

Name:.....

Address:.....
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Phone Number:.....

Email Address:.....

Location of my swallow box:
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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

For further information on the Adopt-A-Swallow Box program, please contact the Indian Bay Ecosystem Corporation (IBEC)

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What Is The Adopt-A-Swallow Box Program?

The Adopt-A-Swallow Box program is part of a habitat enhancement and awareness program established by the Indian Bay Ecosystem corporation (IBEC) in partnership with the Bonavista North Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Canada. It was developed as a migratory bird conservation initiative in Indian Bay.

Over 300 species of birds breed in the Canadian boreal forest; 150 of which breed in Newfoundland. Current monitoring programs show that a number of land birds and duck species are facing population decline. One of the main threats to these species is habitat loss due to development which affects their breeding, staging and wintering habitats.

How Can You Help?

By constructing and placing nest boxes for migratory birds, we aim to supplement the declining availability of natural habitats.



Who Will Live In The Boxes?

The goal of the program is to increase the availability of suitable habitat for tree swallows and other small birds in the Bonavista North area.

Tree swallows are fast, agile songbirds that prey on insects and berries such as bayberry and dogwood. They are highly social animals and often nest in pairs in large open spaces where water is found nearby. Suitable nesting areas include open fields, marshes, shorelines, wooded swamps and beaver ponds.



Tree swallows are migratory birds who spend the summer months breeding in Canada and the northern states and migrate south in the winter.

They often build open-cup shaped nests in standing dead trees and other natural cavities such as building eaves, and ground cavities. Tree swallows in particular are known to readily accept nest boxes, however don't be alarmed if other small birds make their homes in them.

What To Do With Your Swallow Box?

Having your own Tree Swallow nest box gives you a great opportunity to see the nesting cycle of free-living songbirds up close.

In order for the birds to be attracted to, and use the boxes, it is important that the boxes be placed in a proper location. Routine maintenance of the box (when it is not occupied) is also suggested. This will ensure the needs of the birds are met and will increase the likelihood the box will be used.

Here is a guide for placing your box:

- ◆ Place boxes on poles out in open areas.
- ◆ Keep boxes at least 100 meters away from buildings, roads and trails. This will reduce the risk of house sparrow invasion*.
- ◆ Keep boxes far from shrubs or bushes, as this can lead to house wren invasion*.
- ◆ Keep boxes away from trees, bushes, fences, water edges and ditches. This will reduce the risk of nest invaders such as squirrels and weasels.

*Both house sparrows and house wrens are deadly enemies of tree swallows and will destroy eggs and can kill young and even adult.