

Photograph of Standard Mount Nest Box

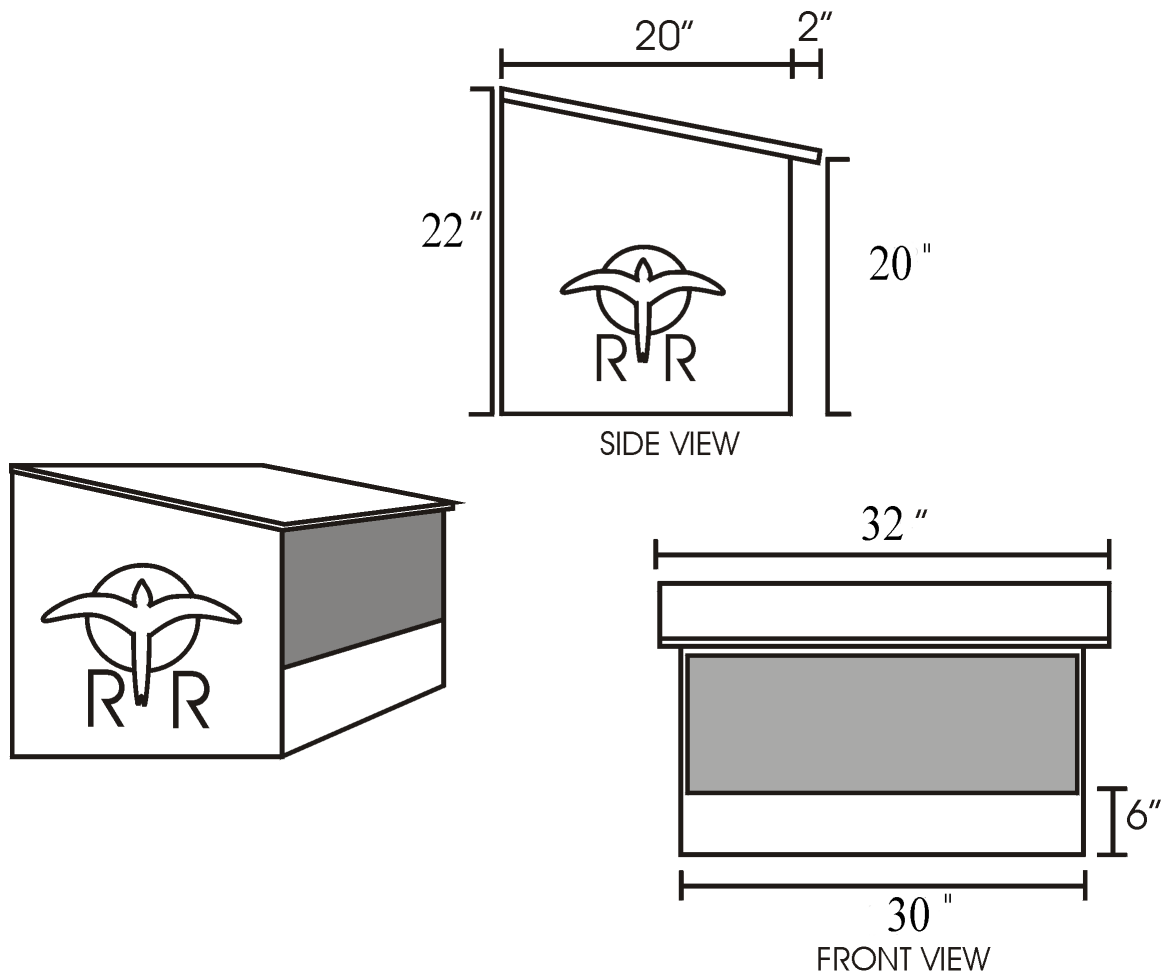


This is a standard mount nest box. It is 22" deep, 22" high in the back, 20" high in the front, and 34" wide. The box uses T-111 cedar siding for the outside. T-111 siding is lightweight, easy to get, and very durable. The long arm provides a perch for the falcons.

It is important to have about 4" to 6" of pea gravel for nesting substrate. Too little gravel could cause egg punctures. Too much gravel will interfere with drainage, causing the box to rot quickly.

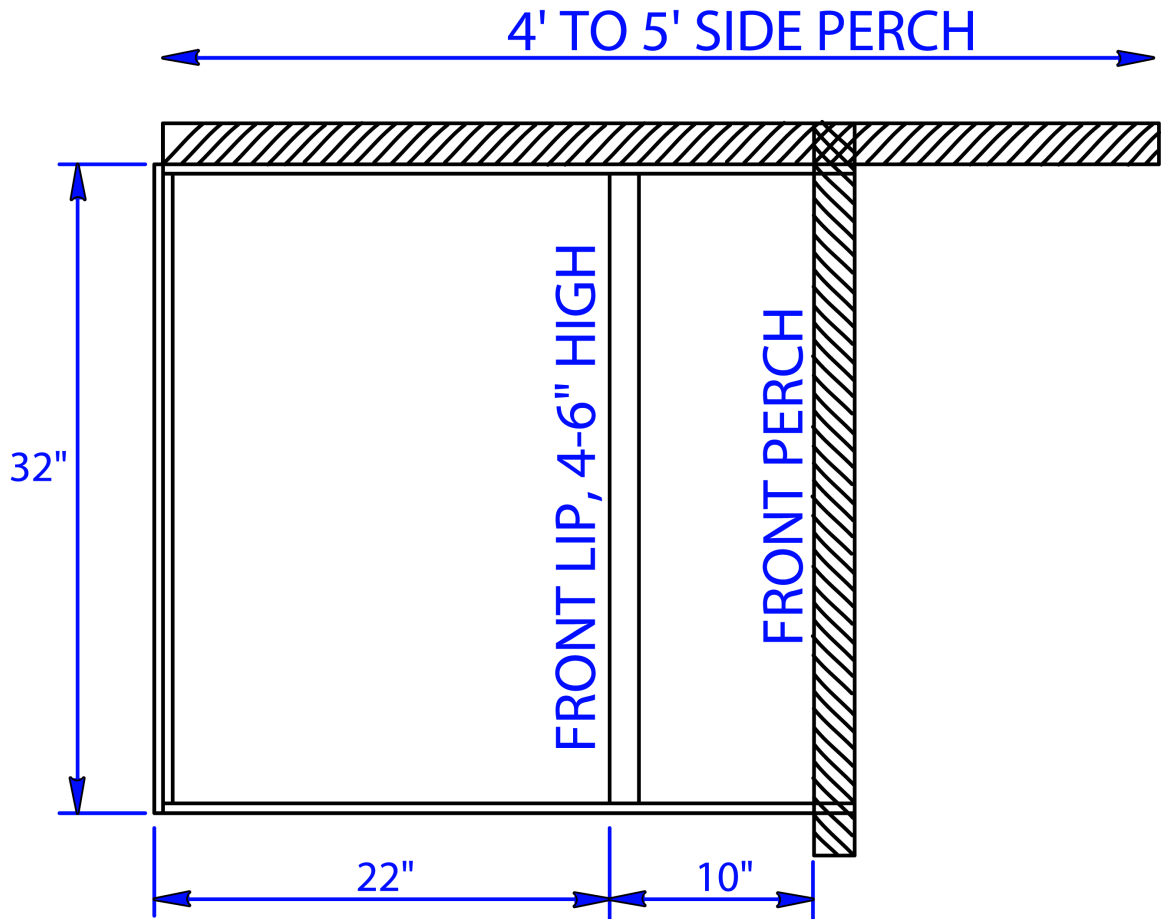
Drill 15 to 20 small evenly-spaced holes in the bottom for drainage.

Diagram of Standard Mount Nest Box



Here is a diagram of the standard mount nest box from the side and front, sans perches. People often want to modify this design by building an access door on the back. Don't do this – it is very, very dangerous for the chicks. If people try to reach in from the back during banding, they will drive the chicks to the front. If the chicks are panicked enough and old enough, they can be bumped into premature flight. This is a very bad thing.

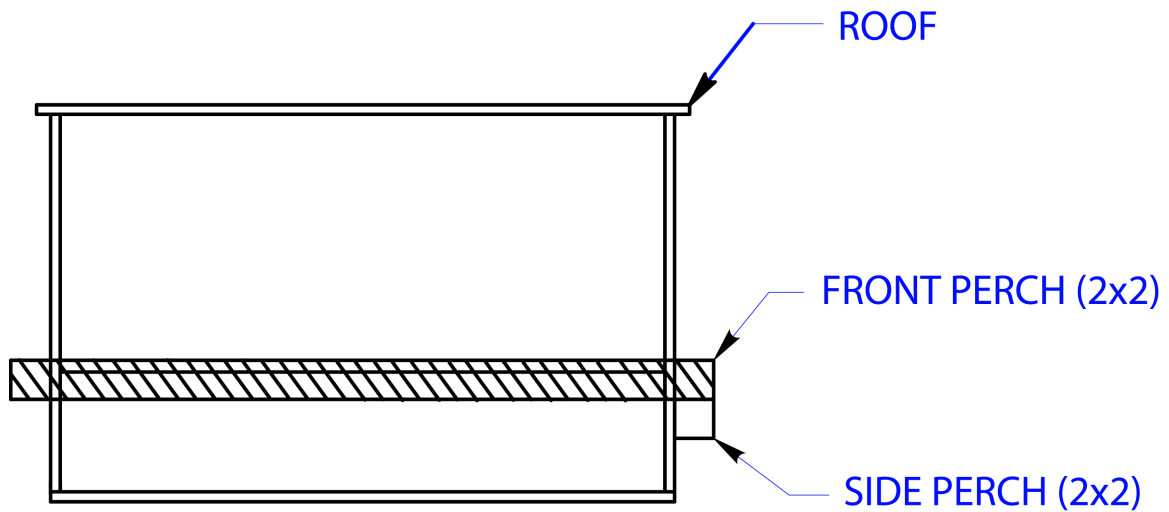
Blueprint of Standard Mount Nest Box: Top



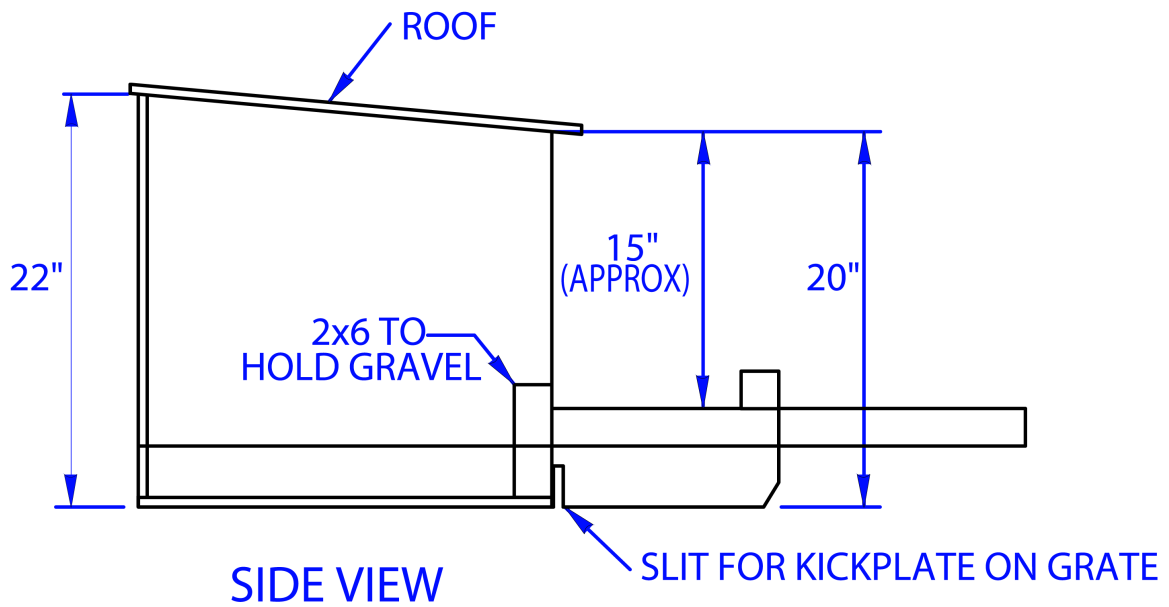
TOP VIEW

This is a blueprint of the box from the top. Note that the perch on this box is on the left side of the box. The perch may be on either the left or right side.

Blueprints of Standard Mount Nest Box: Front and Side



FRONT VIEW



SIDE VIEW