



Thank you!

By installing this habitat structure, you are providing an essential nesting area for wildlife in need. Landowners, like you, play a vital role in providing habitat for wildlife in the Credit River watershed.

Habitat

Great crested flycatchers are found in deciduous or mixed woodlands and breed in forest edges, secondary-growth forests, hedgerows and isolated woody patches. They perch on dead branches with good views near the top of the canopy and scour the area for insects they can swoop down and grab.

When to Expect Them

Early May to late July

Call

Sounds like: A loud, piercing “Weee-eeep”

Habitat Structure Placement

Location	Open woodland, forest edge, park, backyard
Height off Ground (m)	1 to 7
Entrance Hole Facing	Any direction with an open flight path
Spacing	1 box every 2.4 ha
Attach to	Hang box from live or dead tree
Installation Time	September to April



Care of the Habitat Structure

Clean out old nest material before the breeding season begins in May. To access the box, turn the latch near the bottom of the box and rotate the moveable panel upward.

Important Notes

European starlings are able to fit inside a flycatcher house. To deter them from nesting, hang the box from a live or dead tree rather than mounting it on a pole.

What Else Can You Do to Help?

There are actions you can take to provide natural nesting sites for flycatchers on your property to reduce the need for nest boxes. Leaving dead standing trees that do not pose a hazard to people can provide shelter and breeding space.

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