



### 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

House wrens are found in open shrubby woodlands, forest edges, parks and residential areas.

### When to Expect Them

Mid-May to July

### Call

Sounds like: A rolled “prrrrrr” and harsh “cheh, cheh”

### Habitat Structure Placement

<b>Location</b>	Shrubland, open forest, backyards
<b>Height off Ground (m)</b>	2– 3
<b>Entrance Hole Facing</b>	Any direction
<b>Spacing</b>	30 m apart
<b>Attach to</b>	Live or dead tree, pole, building
<b>Installation Time</b>	September to April

### Care of the Habitat Structure

Clean out old nest material and wipe the box clean 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

House wrens aggressively defend their territory from other birds and will fill nearby nest boxes with sticks to keep other birds from using them. Maintain adequate spacing and keep boxes meant for other species away from shrubby areas to help maximize occupancy.

### What Else Can You Do to Help?

There are actions you can take to provide natural nesting sites for wrens on your property, reducing the need for nest boxes. Leaving dead standing trees that do not pose a hazard to people can provide shelter and breeding space. Planting trembling aspen, red raspberry and blue joint reed grass can help provide food and shelter for wrens.

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