

The Leuven Pattern DIY Swift nest box made by the Municipality of Leuven, Belgium

Weather & Predator Resistant - for deep eaves - proven to be highly successful

Courtesy of Louis-Philippe Arnhem, Leuven Swift Co-ordinator



Boxes in situ – fit as many as you can



View of the box from front right



Front of the box front showing entrance



Views of the box from below & in situ

Make it yourself!

Material: 12.5 mm Exterior or Marine Plywood

The outward sloping façade of this nest box sheds rain and prevents predators' easy access to the nest hole

The box must be mounted flush under overhanging eaves otherwise any vacant space left above the nest box may be used by competitor species (e.g. pigeons)

All measurements in millimetres (mm)

Front: 400 x 220 (entrance* = 30 x 60)

Sides: 2 pieces each 195 (front) x 179 (top) x 176 (back) x 97 (base)

Top: 400 x 180 Base: 400 x 95

Back: (also fixes box to wall) 600 x 200

After marking up check all pieces for correct fit before cutting and adjust as need be!

Cut plywood to size and glue and pin pieces together

Treat exterior with a long-lasting weather proof varnish or paint to match décor of the building

***Entrance hole should be precisely 30 x 60 but may be reduced to 28 x 60 where Starlings are a competitor**

