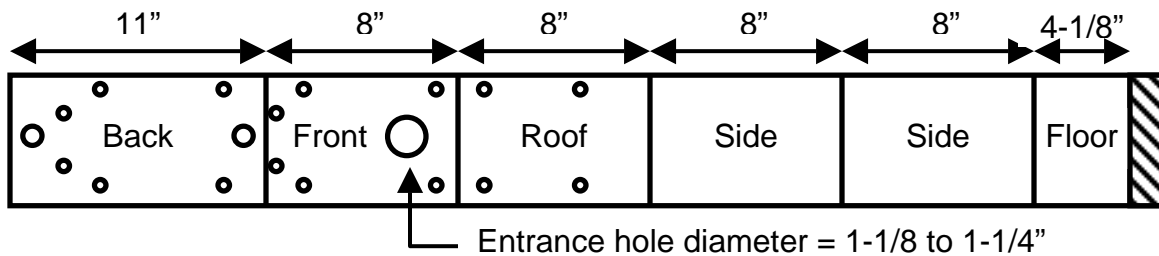
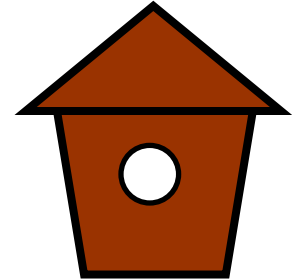
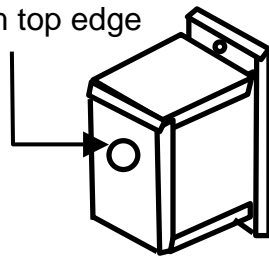


## Fence-Board Birdhouses

Homes were not the only structures lost to Hurricane Katrina. Many trees that were home to common backyard birds are also gone and our feathered friends are in need of a place to spend the winter. Many of our local birds use cavities in living and dead trees and branches as nesting and roosting sites, especially in winter. Please help Audubon Mississippi and the Mississippi Coast Audubon Society to replace lost bird homes by building simple birdhouses from the many fence boards now lying about across the coast. Following the basic design provided, a standard six-foot, 1"x6" board can be turned into a bird version of temporary housing until our trees and forests return. The size of the opening will accommodate small to medium-sized birds such as chickadees and tufted titmice. Follow the tips for placement of your finished birdhouse and sit back and enjoy watching birds settle in for the winter.



1" from top edge



Pre-drill nail holes - ●

### Box Placement and Setup:

- Place box on pole or tree at edge of tree line or forest edge, if present.
- For placement on trees, use heavy string or rope (avoid placing nails in trees)
- Face opening away from prevailing winds.

Several Birdhouse Clinics will be held across the coast in the coming weeks where kids and families can build free fence-board birdhouses and help with Operation Backyard Recovery, a program focused on helping to support bird populations and promoting the use of native plants. Please watch for a schedule of these clinics that will be posted on Audubon Mississippi's website ([www.msaudubon.org](http://www.msaudubon.org)) and help rebuild the coast, ...one birdhouse at a time.

Our website also contains plans for building birdhouses, information about the Great Backyard Bird Count [www.birdsource.com/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.com/gbbc) and details about Operation Backyard Recovery. Please contact Mark LaSalle at the Coast Project Office for further details (228-475-0825 or [mlasalle@audubon.org](mailto:mlasalle@audubon.org)).