Plan 26 Nest Box Hanging Techniques

Nailing boxes to live trees has the following potential disadvantages:

1. The Tree can be wounded.
2. The Tree grows and pulls the fastening nails through the back of the box; usually the back splits and the house falls to the ground.
3. If the Tree is eventually cut down, hidden steel nails can damage sawblades.

These four suggested techniques overcome these disadvantages.

A. Metal clip - This clip, made from rust-proofed heavy-gauge metal, allows easy removal of boxes from posts or trees. This makes for easier cleaning and winter storage.

B. Bungee cord - After pulling galvanized wire through vent holes, attach bungee cords. Stretch cord around tree, over limb as illustrated.

C. Wire covered by rubber hose - Galvanized wire through vent holes, attach rubber-coated wire (or hose with wire run through it) and loosely drape over limb as illustrated.

D. Aluminum nails - Drill 1/4" holes into top and bottom of back-board of the box. Aluminum nails are driven in at an angle, as illustrated. As the tree grows the box is forced to slide along the flexing nail.

A. METAL CLIP

Aluminum Nail

Roofing nail or panhead screw protruding 1/8" from back of birdhouse slips into this slot.

FRONT VIEW

Tree

Aluminum nail

Back of Birdhouse

Panhead screw in back of bird house

SIDE VIEW
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B. BUNGEE CORD

C. WIRE THROUGH HOSE

NOTE WIRE GOING THROUGH BACK, AIR VENT HOLES

D. ALUMINUM NAILS

*Pre-drill 1/4" hole

*Leave one or more inches protruding from hole

Angle nails as shown