



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

Black-capped chickadees are found in mixed and deciduous open woodlands, shrubby areas, parks and residential areas.

When to Expect Them

Present year round. Look for the birds in your nest box from mid-April to mid-June.

Call

Sounds like: “*Chickadee-dee-dee*” or “*cheese-burger*”

Habitat Structure Placement

Location	Open woodlot, forest edge, backyard
Height off Ground (m)	2 – 5
Entrance Hole Facing	Away from prevailing wind
Spacing	200 m apart
Attach to	Live tree, pole
Installation Time	September to March

Care of the Habitat Structure

Clean out old nest material before the breeding season begins in April. To access the box, turn the latch near the bottom of the box and rotate the moveable panel upward. Chickadees like to excavate their own nesting cavity. Add 5 cm of coarse wood shavings every year before the breeding season.

Important Notes

Chickadees stash seeds and other food items throughout their territory. They hide each item in a different place and can remember thousands of locations.

What Else Can You Do to Help?

Take action to provide natural nesting sites for chickadees on your property, reducing the need for nest boxes. Leave dead standing trees that do not pose a hazard to people for shelter and breeding space. Plant native species such as downy serviceberry, eastern hemlock and red oak to provide food and shelter.

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