



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

Location	Shrubland, open forest, backyards
Height off Ground (m)	2 – 3
Entrance Hole Facing	Any direction
Spacing	30 m apart
Attach to	Live or dead tree, pole, building
Installation Time	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 away. 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?

Take action to provide natural nesting sites for wrens on your property, reducing the need for nest boxes. Leave dead standing trees that do not pose a hazard to people to provide shelter and breeding space. Plant trembling aspen, red raspberry and blue joint reed grass to help provide food and shelter.

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