

Making a swallow nest tray is a very simple task. If you have a suitable barn or other building with an access for the birds to fly in and out you may be able to encourage them to nest there. Swallow numbers have declined in recent years and a loss of nesting places is one of the major causes.

The tray should have internal dimensions of approx 14 cm x 7cm. Height of sides 2.5 cm. The back plate approx 10 cm high with some plastic or metal mesh attached to it for the swallows to bind their nest on to.

Positioning is probably more critical than many people realise. It should be placed at least one metre from any corners and with a space of not more than 15 cm to the ceiling or roof above, there should be enough light to see, but not too bright. Access to the outside where they fly in and out is ideally between 2 and 3 metres from the ground.



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