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This 2012 birdhouse is designed to attract several types of cavity nesting birds. Such as:

*Chickadee
Finch
Flycatcher

*Nuthatch
Sparrow
Swallow

Titmice
Warbler
Wren

*These birds are generally primary cavity nesters and prefer to make their own cavity, but sometimes they will use existing cavities.

This birdhouse was designed and hand built in Otisfield, Maine. The design was inspired to provide a unique look and incorporate easy annual cleaning. Studying data gathered about the housing and cavity dimensions preferred by specific birds, I averaged dimensions to design this house to accommodate many types of birds.

The house is made of solid Maine hemlock milled in Casco, Maine. The house is left unfinished and can be primed and painted if so desired. Whether painted or left to turn a natural gray, the house will last several years. The birdhouses, not including the perch, are 15" tall, 15" wide and 9" deep, weighs ~7 pounds and the entrance hole is 1 1/2" diameter. The house is vented and has an easy cleanout door that can be opened without removing the house from its mount.

The perch design varies in size, shape and wood specie. All perches are made from tree trimmings of storm damaged trees. None are cut just to become perches. The perches are replaceable.

The roof is made from Eastern White Cedar, primed with latex paint, painted with oil based spray paint and topped with a clear lacquer. The paint helps repel the weather and should last for years.

How high should the birdhouse be mounted?

Place the house between 5 and 50 feet above the ground. It's recommended that you place the house where you can reach it for easy viewing and cleanout.

Each type of bird will nest within a specific elevation of the tree canopy, however, most secondary cavity nesters will nest where ever they can locate a suitable cavity.

Which direction should the house face?

The direction doesn't matter, however it's recommended to face the house away from the direction of the prevailing winds to minimize water from entering the house. The overhang also reduces water entering the birdhouse.

How do I mount the house?

I recommend mounting the house with a single 3-3 ½" stainless steel or coated screw (not included). The mounting hole is directly in alignment with the entrance hole so a long screw driver will work or a short screw driver can be used from inside the clean out door. If mounting the house in a tree pre-drill the hole slightly smaller than the screw diameter. To prevent injuring the tree, clean the drill bit and screw with bleach prior to using them. The screw can be loosened to accommodate tree growth.