

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.

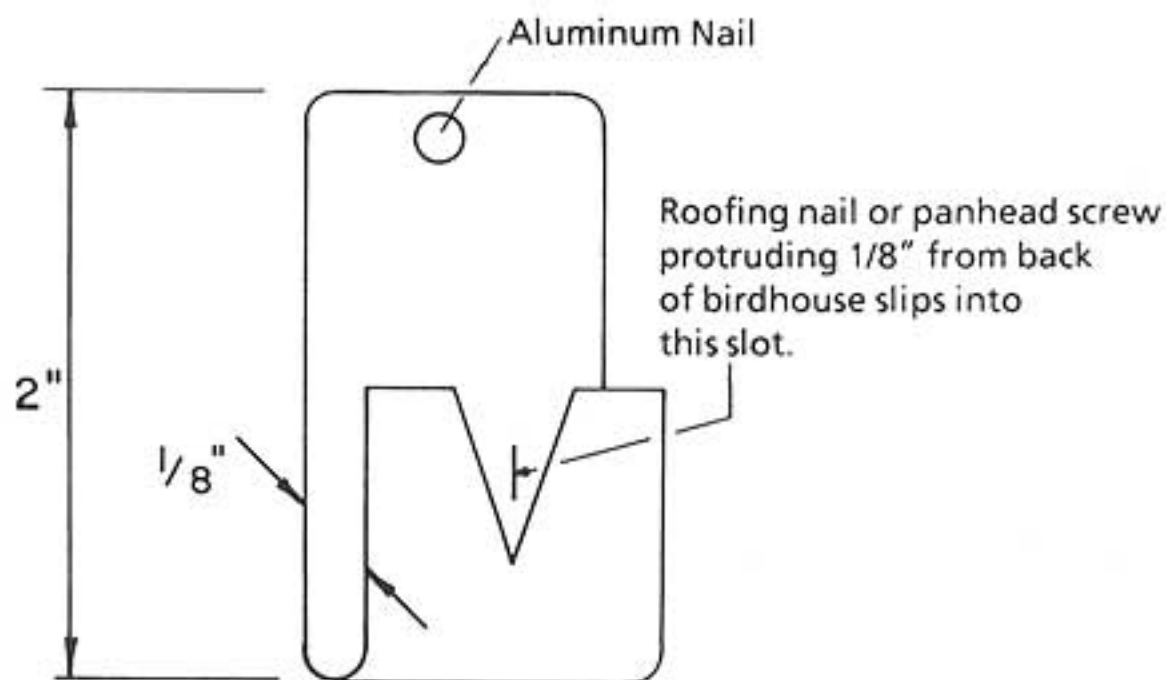
A. Metal clip - This clip, made from rust-proofed heavy-gauge metal, allows easy removal of boxes from posts or trees. This makes for easier cleaning and winter storage.

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

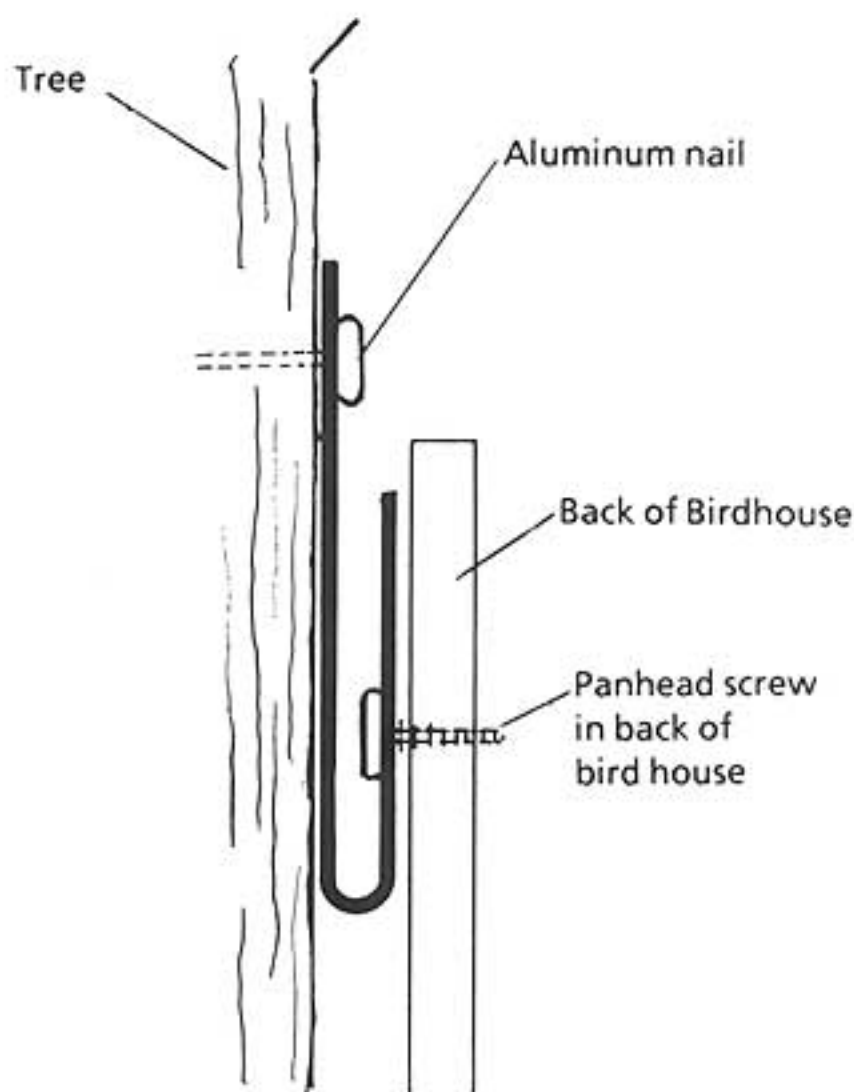
C. Wire covered by rubber hose - Galvanized wire through vent holes, attach rubber-coated wire (or hose with wire run through it) and loosely drape over limb as illustrated.

D. Aluminum nails - Drill $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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



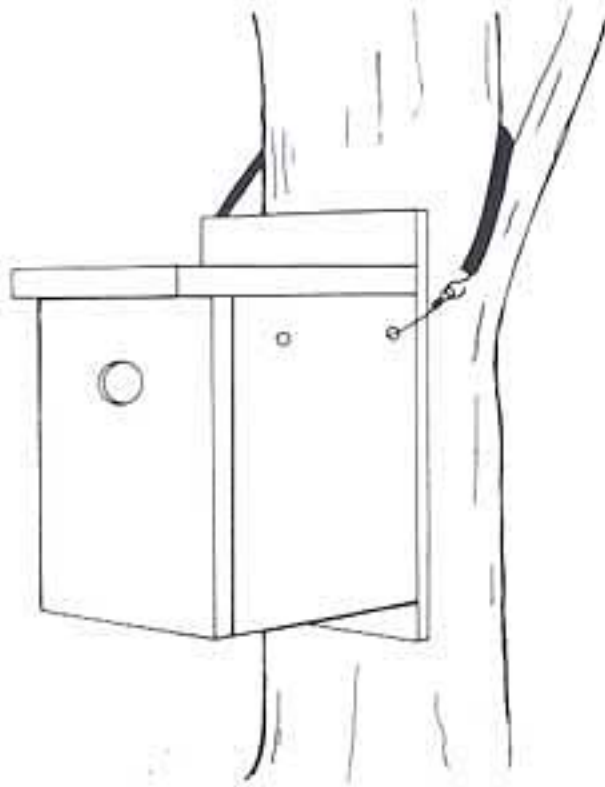
FRONT VIEW



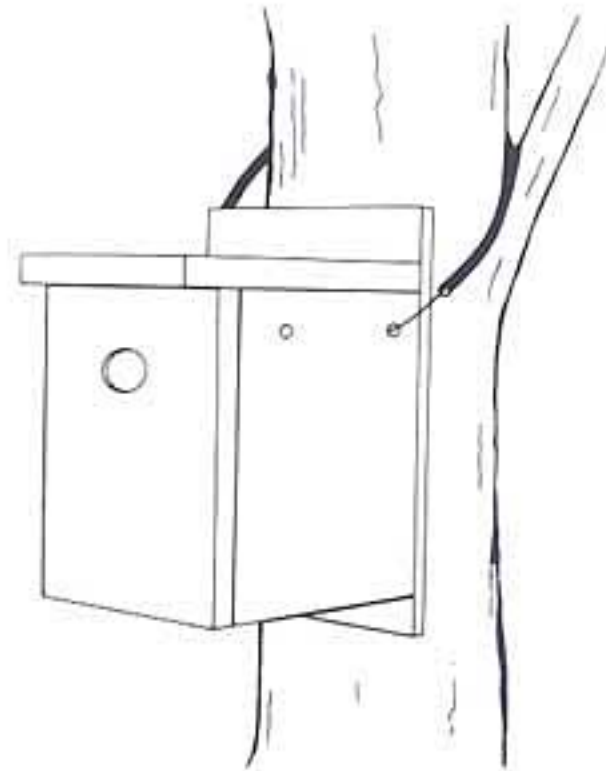
SIDE VIEW

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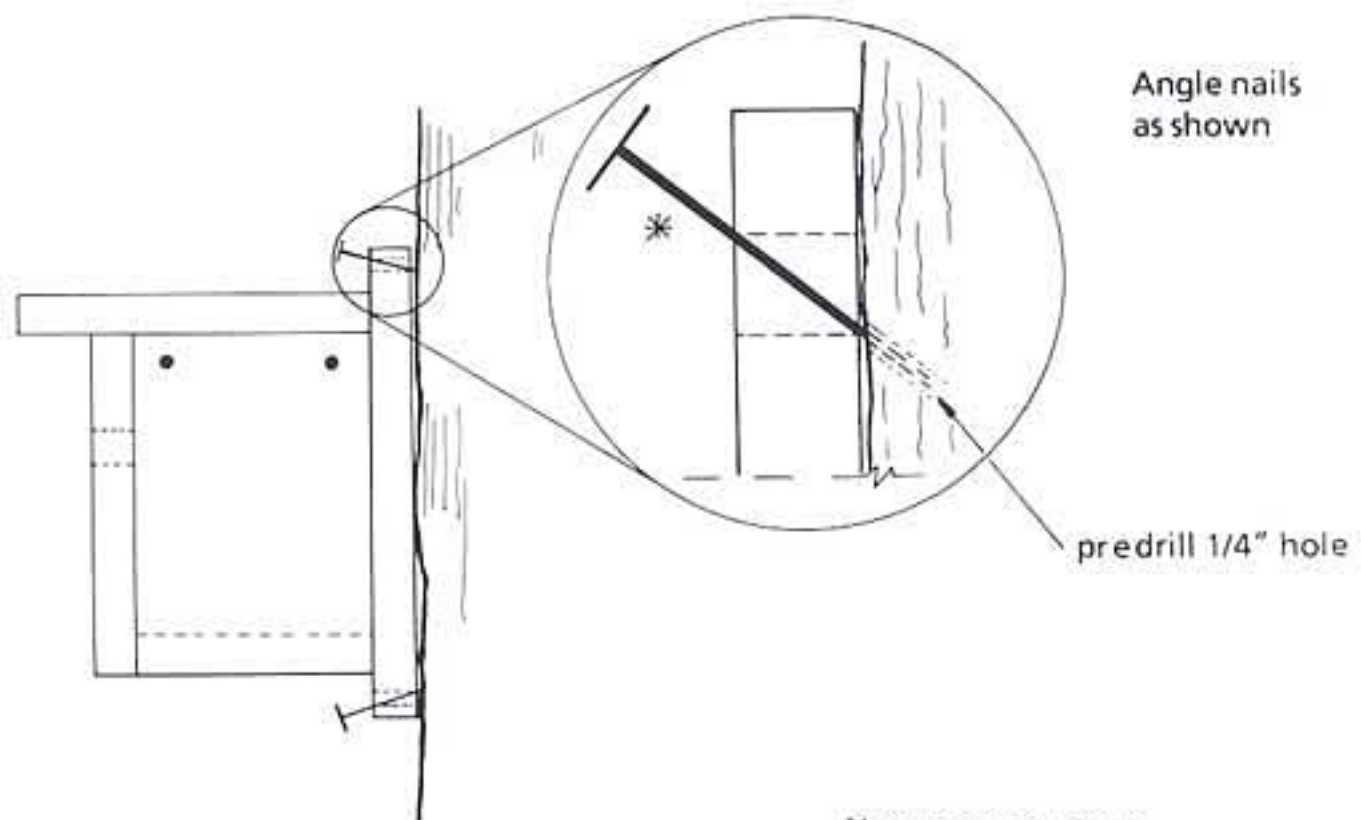
NOTE WIRE
GOING THROUGH
BACK, AIR
VENT HOLES



B. BUNGEE CORD



C. WIRE THROUGH HOSE



*Leave one or more
inches protruding
from hole

D. ALUMINUM NAILS