

Conservation Project Opportunity

The Nova Scotia Federation of Hunters and Anglers together with the Atlantic Woodworkers Association have undertaken a project to build, install, and maintain nest boxes for a variety of species throughout Nova Scotia. The initial phase of this project is hoping to get 200 boxes built and installed this spring.

They would like to offer the opportunity for Scouting Groups to get involved with the project as a chance to work on the conservation portion of our program.

The first phase of the project is the construction of nest boxes. Groups can arrange to have a member of the Atlantic Woodworkers Association or Nova Scotia Federation of Hunters and Anglers to come into your meeting place with all the necessary materials to build nest boxes (currently they are making boxes for wood ducks, mergansers, and goldeneye). As well as building the nest boxes, they would make a presentation on cavity nesting birds and the conservation goals of their current initiative.

The second phase of the project involves the installation and maintenance of nest boxes. Groups could adopt a box or group of boxes which they would then install at a location that fits the guidelines set out by Ducks Unlimited and the Canadian Wildlife Service. Groups would be responsible for:

- researching cavity nesting birds
- obtaining permission of the land owner
- following location and installation instructions
- reporting GPS coordinates to project manager
- make observations during and after nesting season and reporting nest activity to project manager
- clean nest box and put in fresh nesting material before next nesting season

If you are interested in getting involved with this project please contact:

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