

WHERE TO PLACE A NEST BOX



A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

A wish list for our new home:

- Two acres of low grass with no other bluebirds within 300'
- Neighborhood with no House Sparrows
- No outdoor cats
- Away from brushy areas that House Wrens prefer
- Distant from walkways and roads
- Away from sports and spectator areas
- Far from trash cans
- Separate from picnic areas
- Distant from trees with fruit and berries
- In shade all day especially the afternoon
- Hung on a sturdy branch
- Above human reach
- Away from branches that humans can climb
- Leaves and twigs not touching our house to keep ants out
- Left in place all year
- Hole oriented north or east
- Hole faces away from pools or streets
- Out of the reach of sprinklers to keep our nest dry
- A tree, bush, fence or structure out front for our chicks' first flight

Our **Dream Home** would be a tree cavity or a nest box in the center of the tree where the fledglings have many limbs to land on in their first leap out into the world.

There are homes available but they lack many of these safety features.

I hope we can find something....