Woodworking Projects for Backyard Wildlife

Douglas Squirrel (Chickaree) and Flying Squirrel Nest Box

Materials

- One 1x8"x6' rough cedar board
- Twenty 1-1/4" outdoor wood screws or #7 galvanized nails
- Holes for attaching to a tree or post.
- Pivot screws work as hinges. To allow the side to open easily, the pivot screw on the opposite side needs to be level with the one in front.
- The baffle
- Ledge support.
- Floor is 1" above bottom of front board.

The Baffle

The baffle creates a protected nesting spot for squirrels. It also allows the box to have a dark interior and helps prevent heat loss. Locate the baffle flush with the bottom of the entry hole (see above drawing. Orient the baffle with the triangular cutout in the far corner opposite the entry hole (see drawing at left).