



Leeds-Grenville Stewardship Council

Grey Rat Snake Nesting Box



These nesting boxes are 4 foot square cubes of white cedar, covered with wire mesh. The top and front are easily removed to allow filling and checking.

These boxes are constructed from white cedar 2" by 2", rough or dressed lumber. The outside dimensions of the boxes are 48 ½ inches by 48 ½ inches by 48 ½ inches. The extra ½ inch is to make it easy to staple the wire to the frame. The holes for the screws are all predrilled and all parts are fastened together using 3 1/2" deck screws.

Material List

Framing for box

16	2 x 2 x 46 ½ inches - white cedar
4	2 x 2 x 44 ½ inches
	Corner braces
32	2 x 2 x 10 inches with 45 degree angles on each end



4 squares are built for each nest, and then 2 of these are fastened together with 2 x 2's to make the cube. The other 2 frames will form the front and top.



The corners are braced with 10" long pieces cut on 45 degree angles.





**Wire is stapled on 3 sides and the bottom.
Wire is stapled on two, 4 by 4 foot frames for the front and top.**



The top is fastened to the box with 4 screws and the front with 3 screws. No screws are put in the bottom of the front piece as they are hard to find and remove for filling or checking.

Material List and Cost

15 Cedar 2" x 2" x 8 feet - rough
At \$.60 per running foot \$72

1—roll of wire 2" x 2" or 2 x 4 mesh, 4 ft high x 100 feet long.
Will do 4 boxes—24 feet per box
Home Hardware Catalogue # H5243373
 $\$200/4 =$ \$50

1 case of 3 inch deck screws
125 to 150 used for each box $\$120/6 =$ \$20

1 box 7/8" staples—driven by air gun
500 to 600 per box $\$60/4 =$ \$15

Cost per box is approximately \$157

