

How a bat box should be? General guidelines

To install a bat box, some **GENERAL GUIDELINES** must be taken into account in order to increase the chances of occupation, independently of the location and the typology of the bat box.



1. They can be installed on façades, trees, electric posts or any other **vertical structure**.
2. They must be set up at a minimum of **3 metres** of height (recommended between 3 and 4 metres).
3. The bat boxes must be **fixed** and **stable** (they should not swing).
4. When installing the bat boxes, make sure that they can **properly** and **easily** be **checked**.
5. Bat box entrance must be **obstacle-free** (branches, railings, windowsills, roofs, etc.). They must be placed in **OPEN SPACES**.
6. They have to be installed in **dark places** with low lighting, avoiding street lamps or artificial lights.
7. Do not place them near doors or windows.
8. To avoid **predation** (cats and birds) do not place them near branches or windowsills.
9. In **warm and sunny environments**, do not face them to the south to avoid an excessive insolation. In these conditions avoid using black or dark bat boxes.
10. In **fresh and shading environments**, do not face them to the north.
11. If it is possible, we recommend you to install them in solitary and remote places, near feeding areas such as wetlands, rivers, ponds or meadows.