

Final Report

Wildlife Preservation Fund – Small Projects FY 07

Project Title: Providing Housing for Winged Creatures/Swifts, Purple Martins & Bats

Grant Number: 07-001W

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The Ballard Nature Center has completed the FY07 Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund Small Project #07-001W, titled *Providing Housing for Winged Creatures*.

The Ballard Nature Center is requesting reimbursement from the Wildlife Preservation Fund for the purchase of materials and labor to construct a chimney swift tower, 12 bat houses, and a purple martin gourd rack.

A freestanding chimney swift tower was constructed following the designs by Paul D. Kyle and Georgean Z. Kyle, who are project directors of the Driftwood Wildlife Associations' North American Chimney Swift Nest Site Research Project. Design and photo of completed tower are attached. Twelve post bat houses were constructed by and installed by volunteers. The design used has been proved successful in Daniel Boone National Forest. Design and photos of completed houses are attached. The purple martin nesting complex was purchased through the Purple Martin Conservation Association. It consists of 12 plastic gourds that are durable and easy to open for monitoring and cleaning. The entrance holes are designed to discourage European Starlings.

All of these projects will be incorporated into the education programs provided by the Ballard Nature Center and are examples to private land owners on practices they can provide on their own property.

The Ballard Nature Center wishes to thank the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund for its continued support of the center.

Expenditures

Bat Houses

Brownstown Lumber	\$301.75
The Home Center	\$435.75
Menards	\$109.72

Chimney Swift Tower

Effingham Builders Supply	\$334.78
Bierman Welding	\$25.00
Rural King	\$14.89
Menards	\$7.50
Effingham True Value	\$19.76
Driftwood Wildlife Assoc.	\$12.00
Mid Illinois Concrete	\$23.87
Kurt Greuel	\$150.00

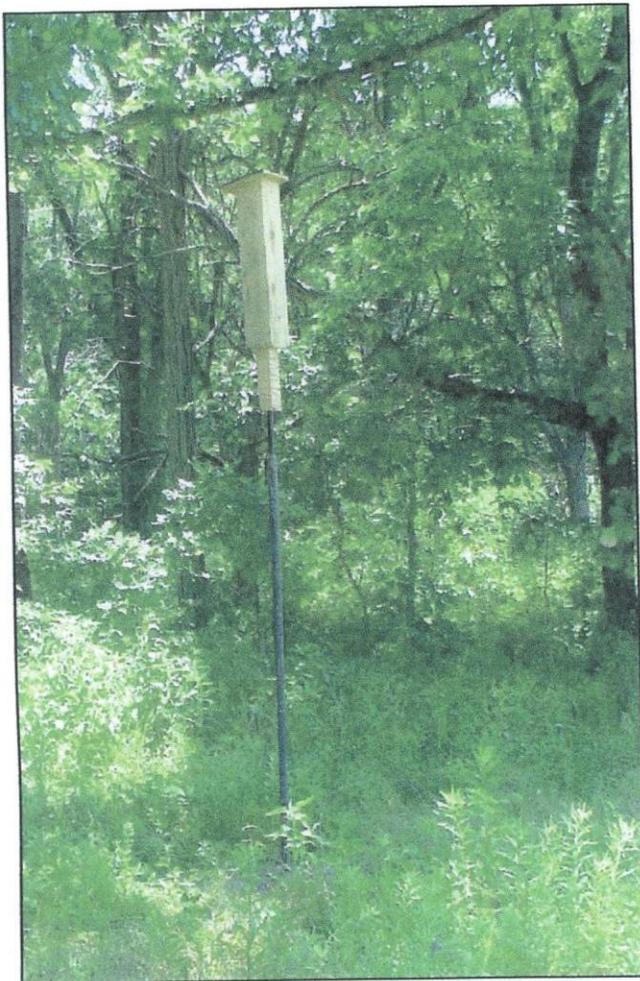
Purple Martin

Purple Martin Conservation Assoc.	\$524.80
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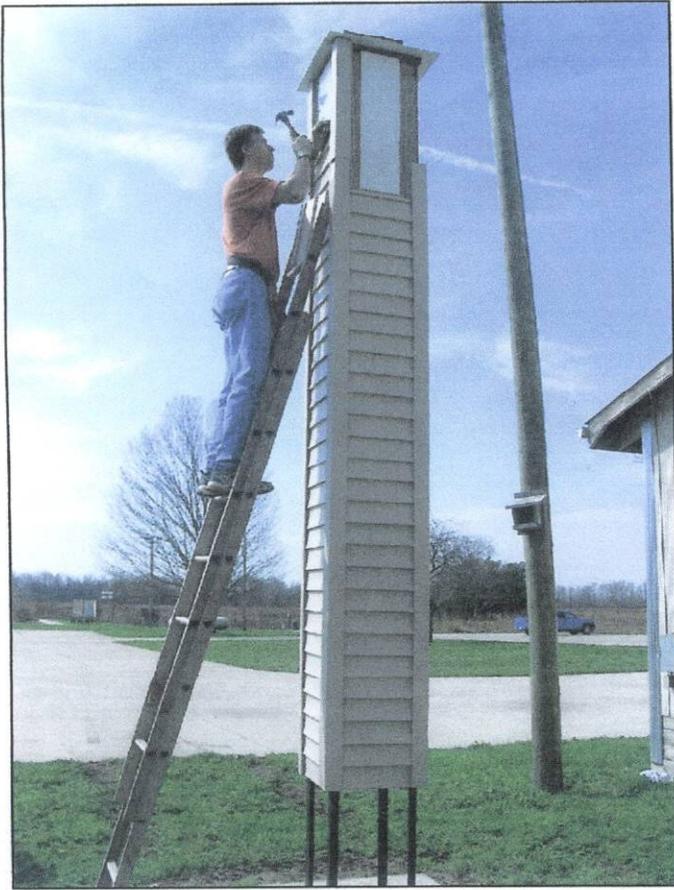
TOTAL **\$1,959.63**



Installing Bat House



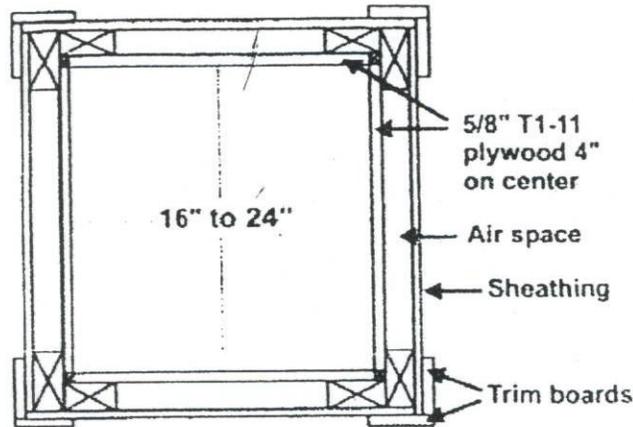
Bat House Installed



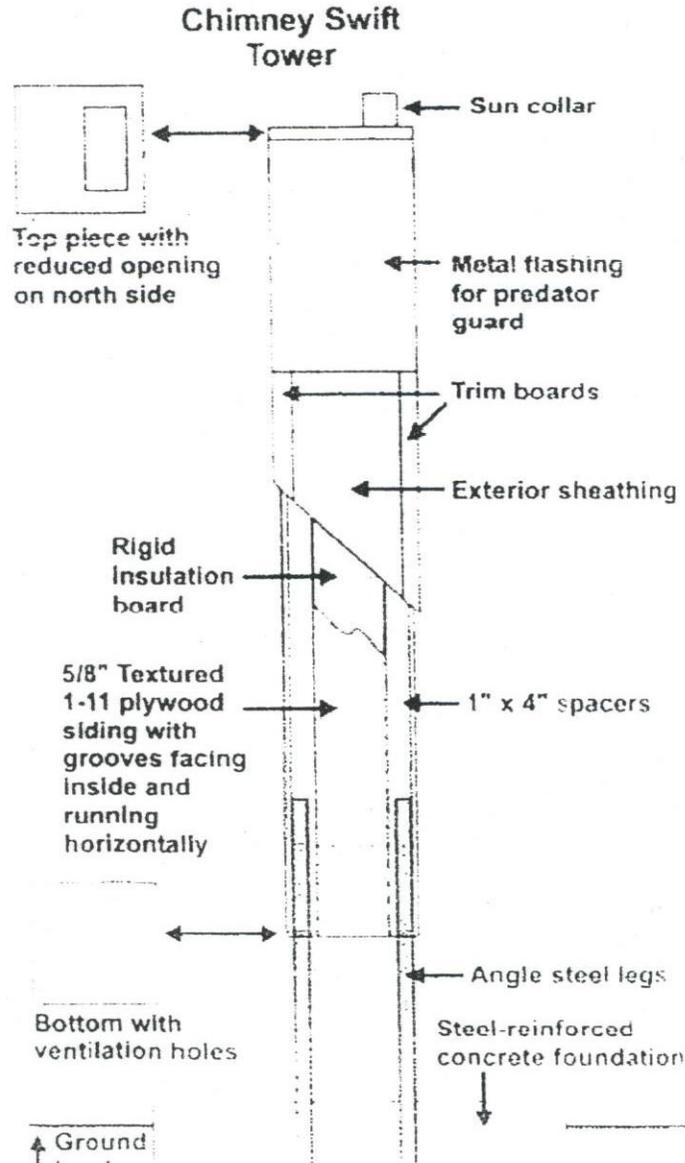
Construction of Chimney
Swift Tower



Purple Martin
Gourd Rack



Chimney Swift Tower
Top View



Chimney Swift
Tower

