

Caring for your Habitat Structure

TUFTED TITMOUSE



Thank you!

By installing this habitat structure, you are providing an essential nesting area for wildlife in need. Landowners like you play a vital role in providing habitat for wildlife in the Credit River watershed.

Habitat

Tufted titmice are found in deciduous or mixed woodlands with a dense tree canopy and diverse species. They can also be found in more open woodlands, parks and large backyards.

When to Expect Them

Present year round. Look for them at your nest box early April to mid-July.

Call

Sounds like: A clear, fast, repeated whistle “*Peter-peter-peter*”

Habitat Structure Placement

Location	Forest or open woodland
Height off Ground (m)	1.5 – 5
Entrance Hole Facing	Away from prevailing wind
Spacing	175 m
Attach to	Pole
Installation Time	September to March

Care of the Habitat Structure

Clean out old nest material before the breeding season begins in April. To access the box, turn the latch near the bottom of the box and rotate the moveable panel upward.

Interesting Fact

Titmice often line their cup nests with hair (squirrel, rabbit, livestock and pets) and sometimes pluck it directly from live animals.

What Else Can You Do to Help?

Take action to provide natural nesting sites for titmice on your property, reducing the need for nest boxes. Leave dead standing trees that do not pose a hazard to people to provide shelter and breeding space. Plant native species such as smooth serviceberry, woodland sunflower and riverbank grape to provide food and shelter.

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