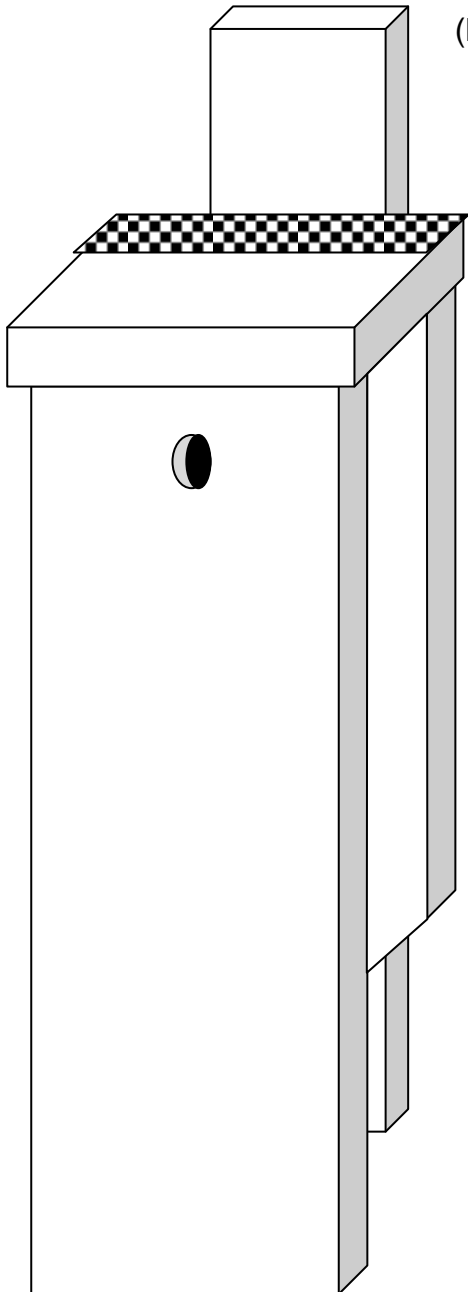


# The Northumberland Willow Tit Box

(Hanmer 2016 after Last & Burgess (2015) British Birds)

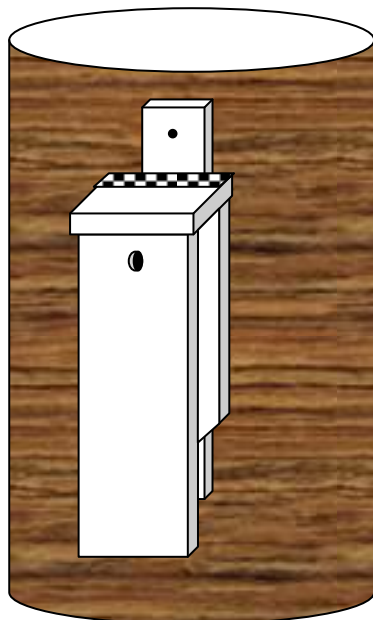
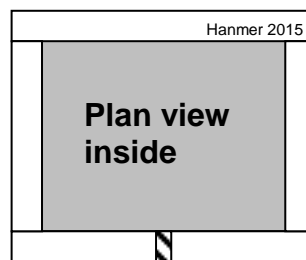


The top (16cm by 15cm) should not overhang at the front.

Roof hinge made from tape or roofing flashing. Screw lid down at front corners. Make sure you can remove the screws.

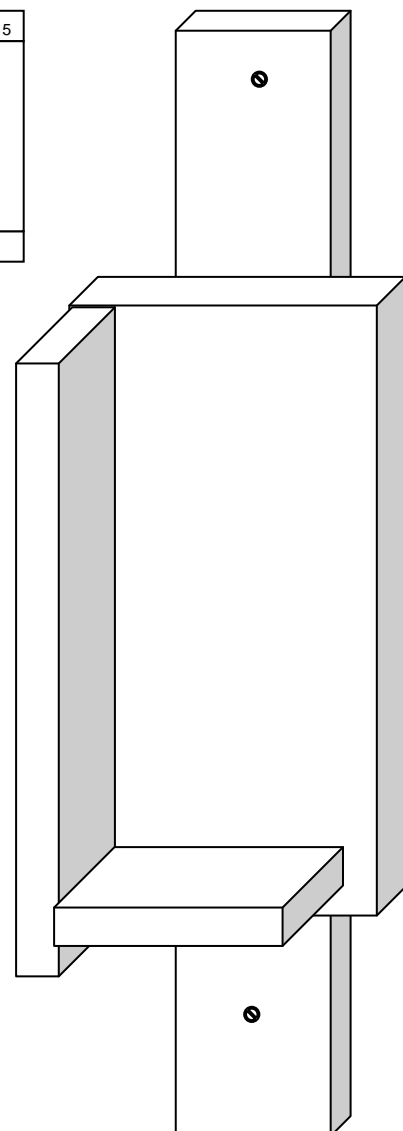
Secure the external front with 4 screws only. The front needs to be removed when erecting the box allowing the baton to be screwed to the tree.

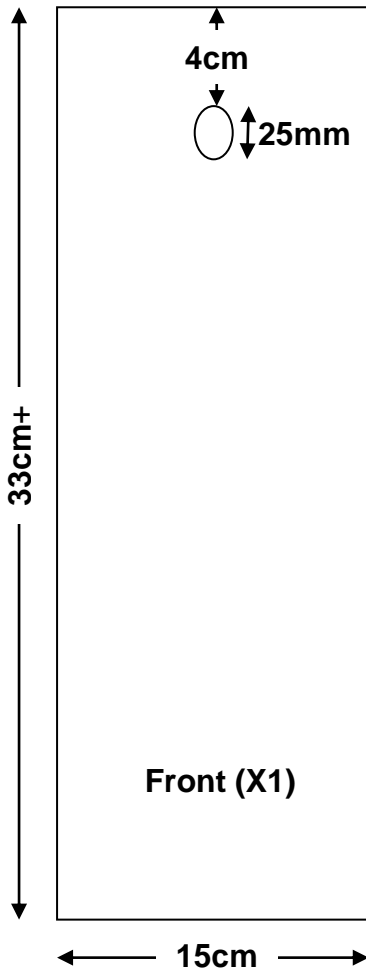
Once the front is reattached fill the box with wood shavings and secure the top.



**Paint the roof and base only.**

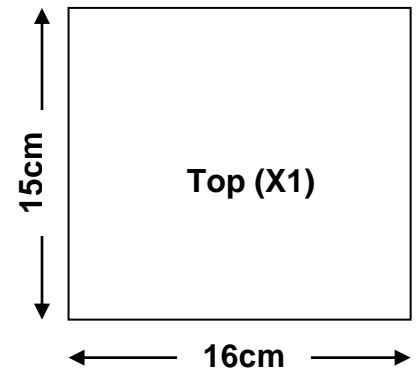
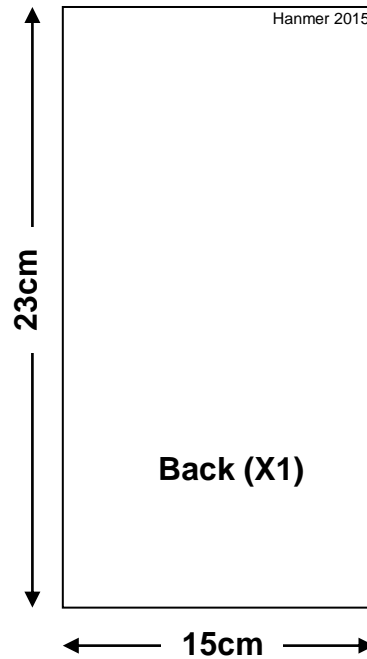
First with water based fence paint; then the roof can be painted with outside gloss paint.





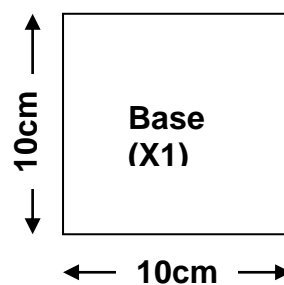
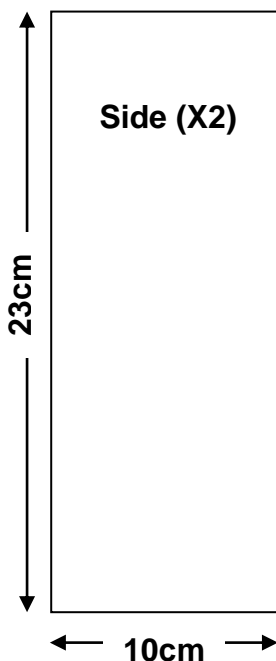
The hole needs to be 25mm and slightly elliptical from top to bottom.

Extend front to **at least 33cm** (can be longer) to disguise the shape of the box. Add natural bark to further disguise.



Use plank wood (treated or untreated) approximately 2cm thickness.

The front, back and top 15cm wide planks.  
The sides and bottom 10cm wide planks.



Trim base by a few millimetres to fit it in to the bottom of the box.

In scrubby damp woodland with willow and birch erect boxes 2 together (on adjacent thin trees) not more than 1.5m above the ground.

Erect other pairs well apart.