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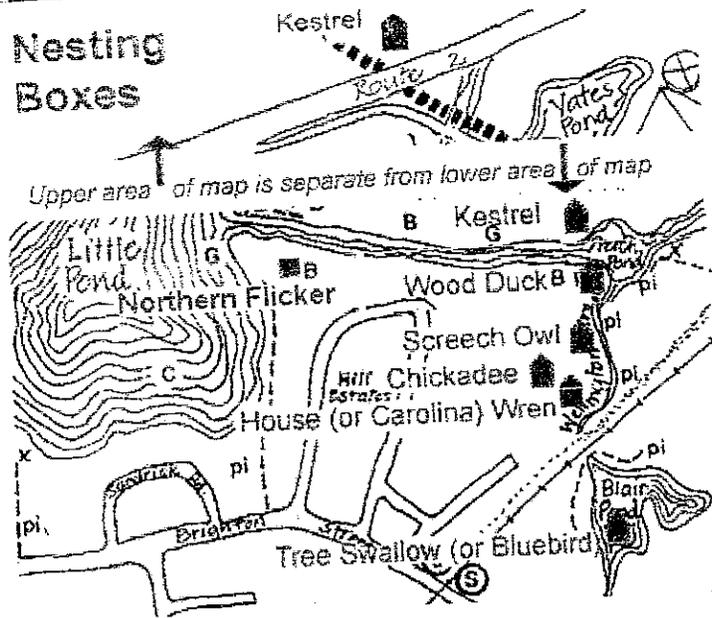
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Nesting Boxes



Click on a **bird name** to go to bird information and images on the US Geological Survey (USGS) website.

Map - from a larger map by Stew Sanders.

Nesting box locations added by Mark Kirk (who also provided the USGS link information).

Updated Feb. 22 2003.

How to Get to and Work With the Boxes

Nesting box installation and construction.

KESTREL BOXES

Kestrel Box #1: Just north of the Minuteman bikepath tunnel under Rt 2 near the Alewife T station. The box is on a stand and is located approx 50 ft east of the path in the marsh. Opening this box will require a sturdy ladder, a wrench, and at least 3 strong people (the top bar swings down).

Kestrel Box #2: Park about 500 ft down past 2 large concrete blocks on the right on Acorn Park drive (if you pass a marsh on your right you've gone too far). Enter the woods here and continue straight ahead until you come to a mass of phragmites. Turn left and follow the boundary of the phragmites (about 100 ft) until you come to an open area. Head for Little River (as it leaves Perch Pond). You'll see an obvious box on a stand. Opening this box will require a sturdy ladder, a wrench, and at least 3 strong people (the top bar swings down).

ORCHARD/PERCH POND BOXES

These boxes are best reached by parking in Hill Estates (private property). Parking here in small numbers is not a problem.

Rt 2 West: Take the Rt 60 exit. At the end of the offramp, at the lights, turn left. At the 2nd set of lights go left.

Rt 2 East: Take the Rt 60 exit. At the end of the offramp turn right. At the first light go left.

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- contact one of the people below
- send an email to info@friendsofalewifereservation.org

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