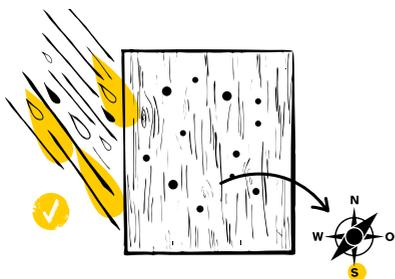


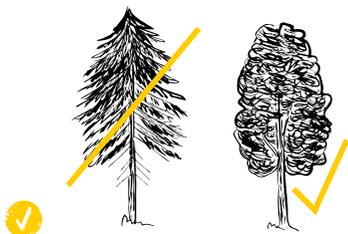
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Nesting aid

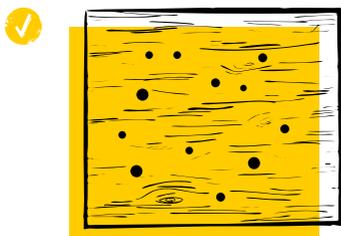
How can I help the bees properly?



Hang the nesting aid protected from the rain and facing south.



Use dry hardwood.



Sand the edges of the holes.

✓ Dos & ✗ Don'ts



No boreholes with frayed edges: when building nests and laying eggs, the bees injure their wings and become unable to fly.



Caution: Commercially available nesting aids are often made of materials that are useless to wild bees, such as pine cones, bark mulch, straw and bricks. The majority of wild bees observed on nesting aids need tube-like cavities in the form of holes drilled in wood, reed or bamboo tubes, bramble stems or loess walls and rotten wood to build their nests.



Do not use coniferous wood: the brood tubes can fill up with resin and the brood is crushed.



Do not install nesting aids for other insects in the insect hotel: Insects such as earwigs eat the pollen and eggs of wild bees and should therefore not have a habitat in a wild bee nesting aid.



Do not drill holes in fresh wood and in the front: the wood cracks open and moisture gets into the breeding tubes. This causes the brood to mould and die.