

GUIDELINES



CONSTRUCTION OF CHICKADEE & SWALLOW NEST BOXES

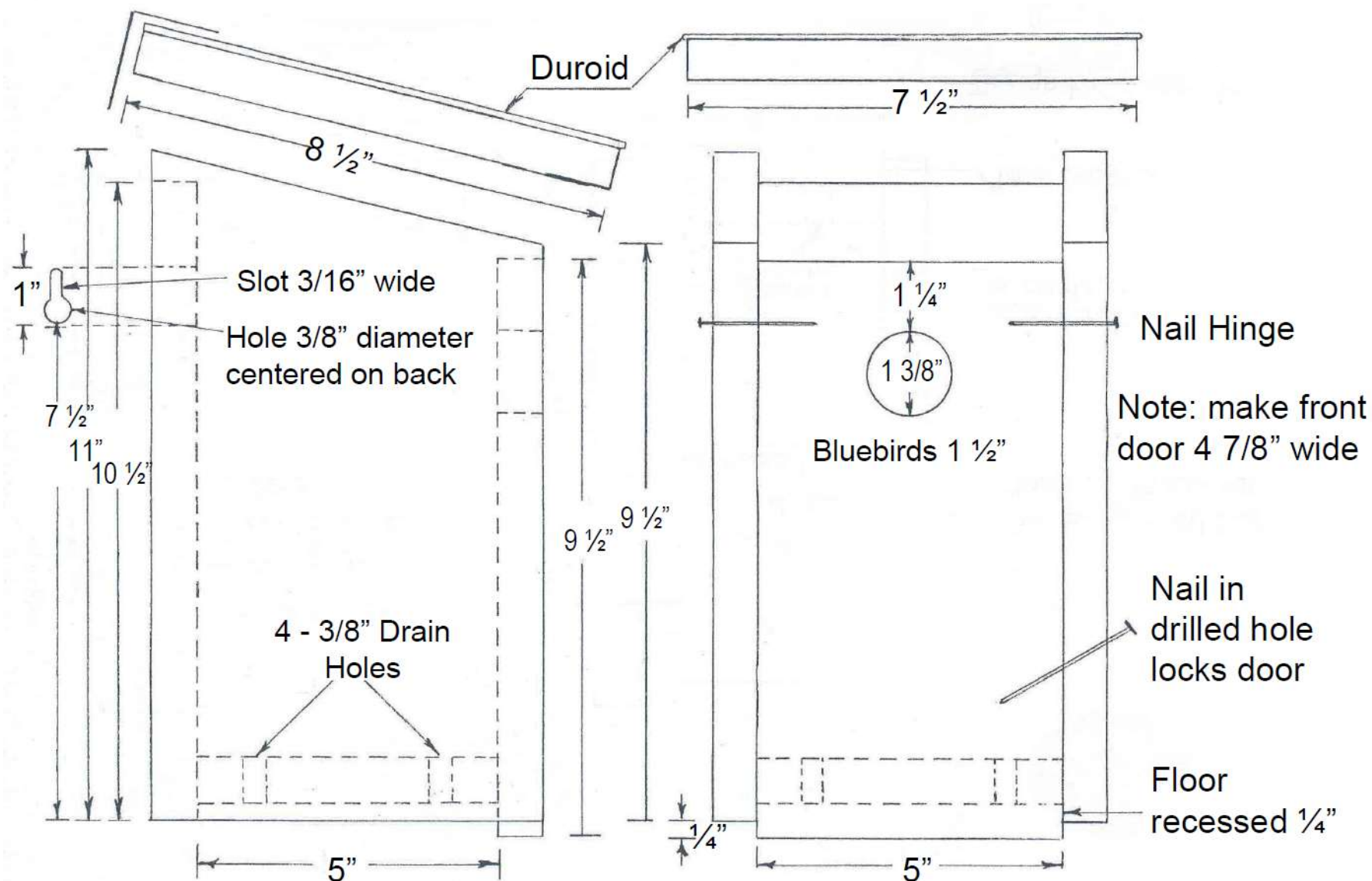
1. Using 1 ¾ inch galvanized box nails attach the back to the floor. Allow for the ¼ inch space for the raised floor.
2. Attach side to back using two nails. Then position floor and use one nail to hold it in place. Repeat for other side.
3. Position front so that there is a ¼ inch space between the top of it and the roofline. Drive nail through the side and into the front slightly above the entrance hole leaving about 1/8 inch sticking out. At exactly the same point on the opposite side drive in the second nail. Test to see if the door will open readily.
4. Position roof so that the overlap on the sides is equal. Allow the roof to project about ¼ inch beyond the back. Use two nails on each side to hold roof in place. If asphalt roofing is going to be used attach with standard roofing mastic or nail in place using roofing nails. Flashing is nailed on to further ensure a dry interior - no leaky condos.
5. Final step is to install a lock pin to hold the door closed. Drill 1/8 inch hole through the side and into the front panel - see plan drawing. The nail used for keeping the door in place should move in and out quite freely.

PLACEMENT OF NESTBOXES

The placement of your birdhouse is as important as its design and construction. An attractive habitat will contribute greatly to a successful nesting experience.

- Chickadees prefer forest edges but will nest in backyards that provide some seclusion and a quiet wooded setting.
- Tree swallows prefer open fields, marshes, ponds and rivers. They readily take to boxes on posts or tree trunks without branches as they require a clear flight path to the entrance.
- Both tree swallows and violet-greens will often occupy nest boxes placed on sides of buildings, however, ensure that the entrances face open fields or water.

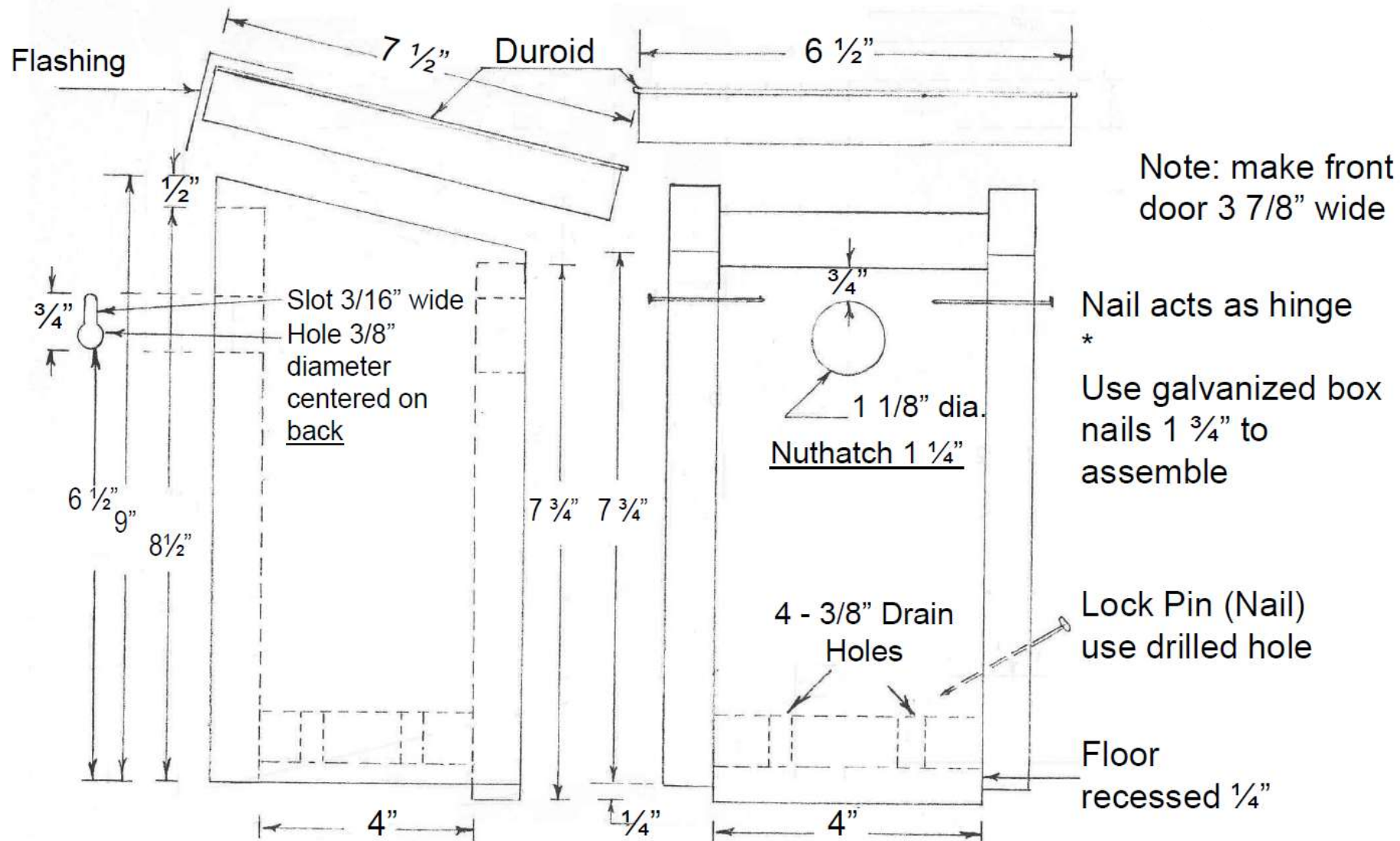
NEST BOX FOR SWALLOWS AND BLUEBIRDS



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NEST BOX FOR WRENS, CHICKADEES AND NUTHATCHES



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* Cedar recommended

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