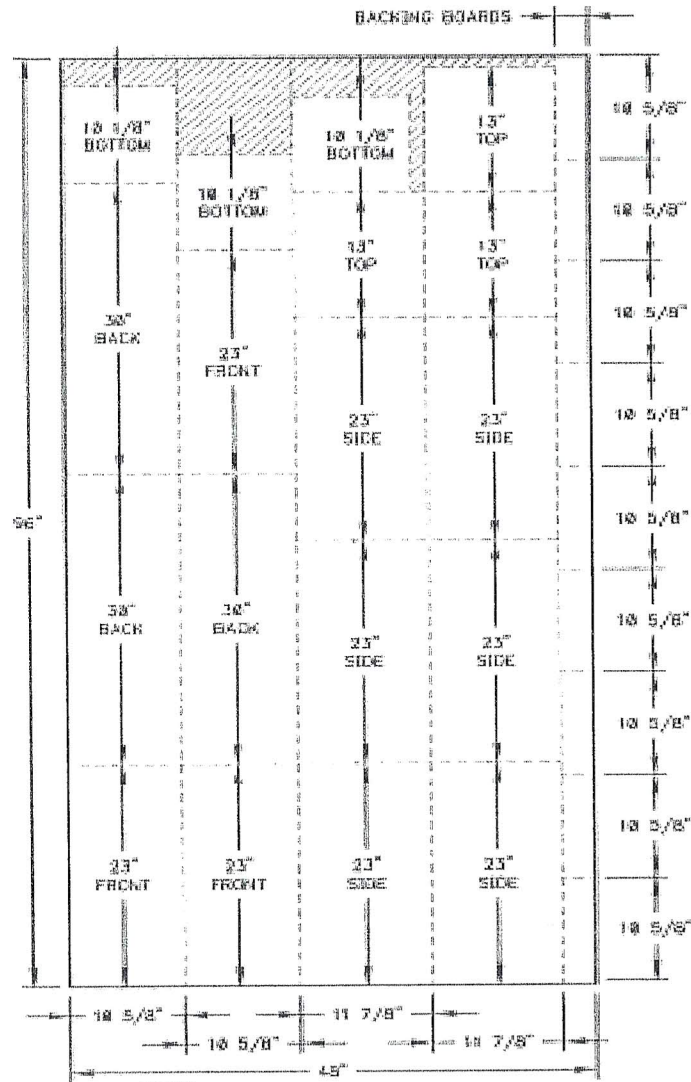


Nest Box Building Plans (continued)

PLYWOOD CUTTING GUIDE FOR 3 WOOD DUCK NEST BOXES

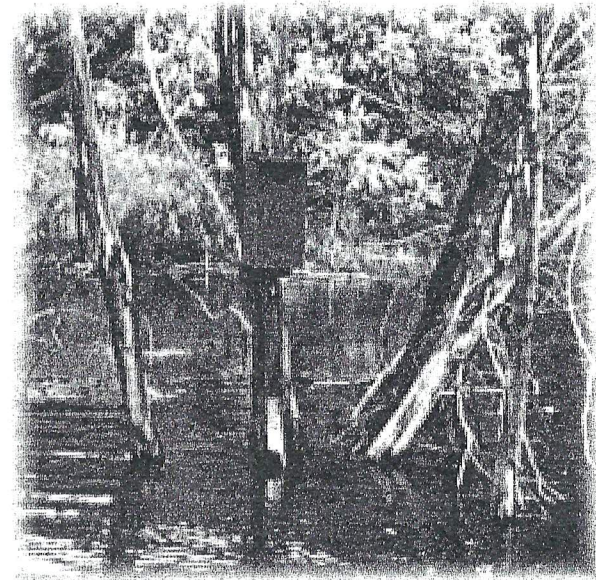


NOTES:

1. USE 5/8" EXTERIOR PLYWOOD
2. HATCHED AREAS INDICATE WASTE

Nest Box Placement

The best locations to place wood duck nest boxes are in wooded areas within 25 to 200 yards from small streams, ponds, coves, sloughs, and old river channels. Small bodies of water are preferred over large lakes and rivers. Wood ducks will nest a half-mile from water. However, the farther the nests are from water, the greater the danger the young ducklings face as they travel to the water. Boxes installed in densely wooded areas away from the shoreline are readily accepted by wood ducks and receive less predation and startling use than boxes in open areas along the shore.



Habitat near the nest boxes should include hiding cover for the ducklings. This cover might be emergent vegetation or branches and limbs of brush and trees hanging over or in the water. Logs, stumps, snags, and driftwood in the water near boxes add to the cover and provide loafing sites.

FIGURE 5: Template for cutting plywood sheet (makes three nest boxes).

