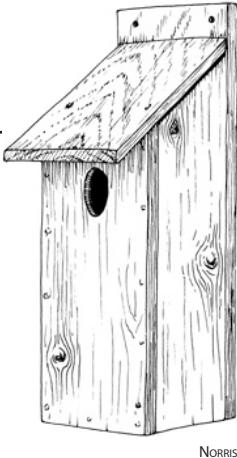


## Trouble-shooting guide for nest box landlords

<i>What you might find:</i>	<i>What may be the cause:</i>	<i>What you could do:</i>
◆ Eggs or nestlings missing, nest intact	Snake, rodent, House Sparrow, House Wren	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Install predator guards or baffles on the box pole</li> <li>◆ Move boxes away from areas where House Sparrows are prevalent</li> <li>◆ Place House Sparrow deterrents or excluders on the nest box.</li> <li>◆ Move boxes away from prime House Wren habitat</li> </ul>
◆ Eggs or nestlings missing or on ground under box. ◆ Nest disturbed, partially pulled out of hole, or on ground under box. ◆ Adult feathers scattered on ground below box.	Raccoon, cat, squirrel, human vandalism	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Install predator guards or baffles on the box pole</li> <li>◆ Install boxes high enough so cats can't leap from the ground to the box roof</li> <li>◆ Place box away from trees or fences to prevent raccoons and cats from climbing or jumping to the box</li> <li>◆ Securely close box with screws or nails</li> </ul>
◆ Eggs on ground under nest, nest intact and tiny holes pecked in eggs. ◆ Nestlings dead in box and with signs of trauma, especially around the head. ◆ Adult dead in nest, signs of trauma, especially around the head.	House Wren, House Sparrow  Note: Dead adults and nestlings more likely due to House Sparrows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Move boxes away from areas where House Sparrows are prevalent</li> <li>◆ Place House Sparrow deterrent or excluders on the nest box.</li> <li>◆ Move boxes away from prime House Wren habitat</li> </ul>
◆ Eggs fail to hatch. ◆ Nestlings or adults dead in box, no signs of foul play	Infertile eggs, runt eggs, female disappeared, bad weather, chemical poisoning, nestlings or adults could not climb out of box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Don't use lawn, garden, and insect chemical products</li> <li>◆ Discuss possible chemical application problems with neighbors, golf courses, etc.</li> <li>◆ Install fledgling ladder or roughen up the inside of the nest box directly under the entrance hole</li> <li>◆ Some things are beyond our control</li> </ul>