TREE OR VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW HOUSE

Drawing not to scale. Print this on legal size paper. Made from ¾” plywood. Finish, exterior only, with spar varnish if you like. For inspection, the top is held in place only by the cleat and a galvanized nail, while one side pivots on 2 - 6d galvanized nails and is held closed with an 8d galvanized nail. The front, back & other side are glued and screwed together. The cleat is glued and screwed to the back.

The optional Front Plate has a centered 1 ½ ” hole and is glued and screwed to the front of the house centered on the entrance hole. Place the house about 5 – 15 feet off the ground with entrance facing away from the prevailing winds and storms. Violet-greens like their houses higher, while Tree Swallows will tolerate the lower heights. They both prefer open areas, but Violet-greens will nest in open mixed forests.

Top of hole 1 ½ ” below top of front so that bottom of hole is a bit less than 6” above floor.

Entrance hole diameter = 1 ¾” exactly

8d nail to keep side closed

Front Plate

8d nail to keep top on.

¼” gap between sides and roof for ventilation.

8d nail to keep side closed

~11° angle cuts: top of front, cleat, & back of roof.