

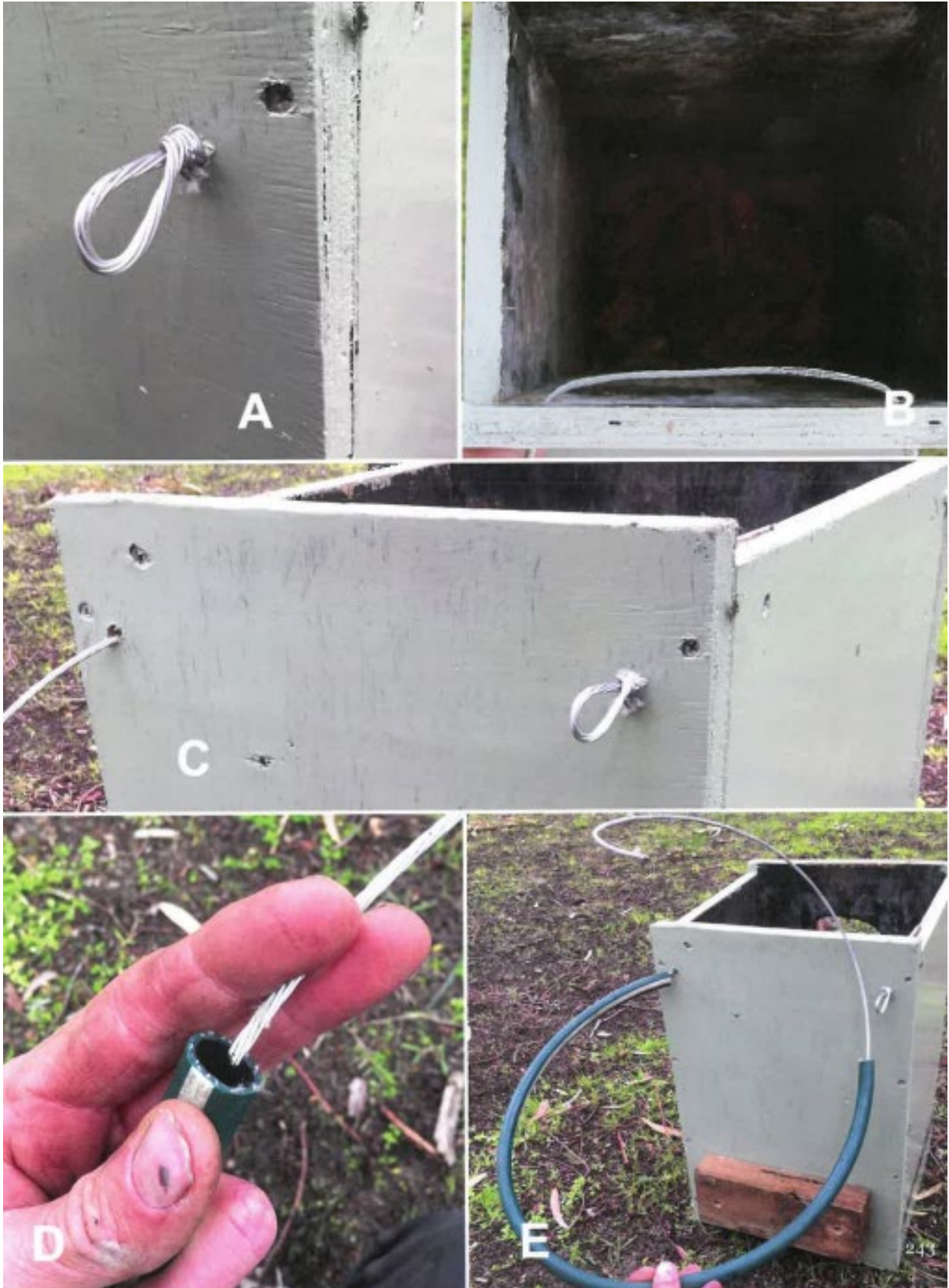


How to attach your nest box to a tree

Equipment you will need: Nest box, coarse woodchips from natural timber, pliers, multi-strand clothesline wire, hosepipe, ladder, scissors/stanley knife

Part 1: Preparing the wire

1. Select the spot you want to attach your box using *Guide 3: Garden Structure Installation Manual* to help you. It is handy to select a spot that has a branch on the opposite side of the tree to where you plan to place your box. This branch will help stop your box sliding down the tree.
2. After selecting your spot, measure a length of hosepipe approximately long enough to go around the trunk of the tree when on a 45° angle. Cut your hose pipe to length.
3. Use your cut hosepipe to measure the wire, which should be double the length of the hosepipe. Cut your wire to length.
4. Make a loop in one end of the wire using your pliers by bending a kink in it and then twisting it a few times until secure (see **A** on page 2).
5. Thread the non-looped end of the wire through one of the pre-drilled holes in the back of the box, and reaching inside, pull it entirely through until the loop is hard up against the back of the box (see **B** on page 2).
6. Thread the non-looped end of the wire through the other pre-drilled hole on the other side of the box and pull it tight (see **C** on page 2). Both ends of the wire should now be out the back of the box.
7. Thread the loose end of the wire through the hosepipe until it emerges from the other end (see **D** on page 2). The hosepipe should be roughly central on the wire so that it will protect the tree from damage (see **E** on page 2).





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Part 2: Attaching to the tree

1. Add a 100 mm layer of woodchips to line the inside floor of the nest box.
2. Getting someone to hold your ladder steady, climb to where you plan to fasten your box to the tree. The protruding wire with hosepipe should be facing the tree.
3. Pass the wire with the hosepipe around the back of the tree, placing the wire above the horizontal/oblique branch on the opposite side of the tree to stop the box slipping down.
4. Thread the non-looped end of the wire through the wire loop at the back of your box (See **A** on page 4). There should be about a 10cm gap between the loop and hosepipe (see **B** on page 4).
5. Use your pliers to bend and twist the wire back around itself so that the wire will hold the box's weight without slipping (see **B** on page 4).
6. Thread the loose end of the wire back into the hosepipe (see **C** on page 4). Your box should now be fastened as shown in **D** and **E** on page 4.
7. Give the box a gentle shake to make sure it is hanging straight and securely on the tree. The wire will hang at a 45° angle but the box should be vertical on the tree as seen in **F** on page 4.
8. Admire your box and then monitor as described in *Guide 2: Wildlife Monitoring Manual!*

