

# The DawnSong

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During the month of March, every Saturday I will be available between 8:00 - 1:00. Whether you want to place an order or have questions about the products listed on any of my web stores, I will be happy to help. This is normally my fax line, I have attached a telephone to it. Due to my weekday "job" the fax line must remain a fax. You can still send me an email and request a phone call at your convenience and I will happily call. ~ Diane

## Troyer's Sparrow Resistant Bluebird House

### A sparrow-resistant bluebird house, for real?



I have been using the slot style house since it first came out many years ago. My original houses have a feeding platform built on to the roof.

I recently sat down with Adam Troyer and asked him, "why does it keep out the sparrows?" The following is what he told me.

**The slot.** The slot allows for more light to enter the interior of the house. Sparrows don't like bright cavities. The slot also gives the female bluebird room to escape. Consider when using a round-holed bluebird house. The sparrow enters the round hole and begins to attack the defenseless female. There is no where for her to go. She can't escape. Now let's consider the bluebird house that features the slot. If a sparrow should come up to investigate and if he tries to attack the female, she can easily escape thru the large slot. Adam tells me he has never found a dead female inside a slotted bluebird house. I too can make that claim.

**The nest tray.** The addition of the nest tray reduced the cubic inches of the interior. Sparrows like larger accommodations. The smaller interior can easily house up to 6 bluebird babies.

The starling-resistant bluebird house is available with a cedar house featuring a poly roof ([SRBH](#)) or made using "poly-tuff" ([PTBB](#)). Both versions include the nest tray and include a hanging bolt with wing nut. Also available, and in my opinion, a much better deal, are the "bluebird sets" These sets include the starling-resistant bluebird house, a 3/4" x 78-inch aluminum pole with drilled hanging hole as well as a bluebird pole guard made from PVC. These are available for either the [SRBH](#) or

[PTBB](#). Buy two or more and save!



If you host purple martins than you most likely can host bluebirds as well as Tree swallows. These houses make a beautiful addition to any yard.

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## Gemini gourd-hanging spacing

I have been getting numerous emails asking how many holes (spaces) should I have between the gourds?

First, it is a personal preference. What I did my not work for you, or you may want your gourds to be configured differently, however you can use my example as a guideline.

We will assume your Gemini is assembled and you are now ready to install the gourds. I also wanted my two tiers of gourds to be offset from each other (see photo to the right).

I am going to begin on the upper tier. I have purchased four 1/4-20 x 1-1/2" stainless bolts from the hardware store. I did this because I want to begin my gourd spacing at a connecting joint where the rings are joined and held in place with a connecting plate. When I add my GMA my original bolt is not long enough. (You DO NOT need to start here, you can shift everything to start at the first free mounting hole)

I start by replacing the innermost bolt and add a GMA. I will reuse my whiz nut. Once I have that in place I count 7 spaces to the right, install the next GMA, count 7 more. Then It will be 8 spaces, 8 spaces, 8 spaces, 7 spaces, 8 spaces, 8 spaces, 8 spaces, 7 spaces and 8 more. Doing it this way will mean replacing a total of 4 of the bolts just as I did.

The lower tier I space my gourds so that they fall in between the upper tiers layout.

My upper tier is shown in the photo below, at the starting point having replaced my original bolt with a 1-1/2" long one.





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