Nest boxes can become liabilities if no effort is made to predator-proof them. Raccoons are the most serious predators to nesting birds, eating the eggs and often killing the incubating hens.

This plan shows an easy-to-construct metal guard for keeping raccoons, squirrels and other predators from climbing up to the entrance hole of the nest boxes.

**Materials needed:**

A. Three guards can be cut from one 3’ x 8’ sheet of galvanized steel
B. Three sheet metal screws per guard
C. Three pieces 12” x 3/16” strap iron per guard

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