

Sources and Materials that can be used for Bat House Installation

Bat Houses

Purchasing Houses

Multiple options are available for purchasing houses. A list of suppliers in Georgia can be found on the [GA DNR Bat House Website](https://georgiawildlife.com/BatHouses) (<https://georgiawildlife.com/BatHouses>). During the 2023 GA Bat Working Group bat house installation we also use a rocket box style house from [Bat Conservation and Management](https://batmanagement.com/) (<https://batmanagement.com/>).

Building Houses

Free plans are available online from BCI at the [GA DNR Bat House Website](https://georgiawildlife.com/BatHouses) (<https://georgiawildlife.com/BatHouses>).

Merlin Tuttle's [Bat House Guide](https://a.co/d/7H69qhQ) also provides information and plans for building bat houses (<https://a.co/d/7H69qhQ>)

Metal poles for Installation

The back-to-back bat house mount from [Habitat for Bats](#) used in the 2023 GBWG Bat House Installation Workshop is meant to be used with a 2-inch ID Schedule 40 Metal "Black" pipe (usually available at plumbing supply locations). You can also use a 2.5 in metal sleeve cut to ground level or just above as a sleeve for in ground installation that allows for removal of the pole.

2 inch Schedule 40 Pipe segments & Galvanized Coupling from Home Depot (used during GBWG 2023 Workshop):

Pipes: <https://www.homedepot.com/p/The-Plumber-s-Choice-2-in-x-48-in-Black-Steel-Pipe-5-Pack-2048PBL-5/308846652>

Coupling:

<https://www.homedepot.com/p/Southland-2-in-Galvanized-Malleable-Iron-FPT-x-FPT-Coupling-Fitting-511-208HN/100201526>

PVC Sleeve for ground installation from Lowes (used during GBWG 2023 Workshop):
CANTEX 2-1/2-in x 10-ft Non-metallic Schedule 40 PVC Conduit (cut to 3 feet & installed at ground level in concrete)

(<https://www.lowes.com/pd/CANTEX-Common-2-1-2-in-Actual-2-5-in-Non-Metallic-PVC-10-ft-Conduit/999923028>)

2-in x 10-ft Metallic Rigid Conduit from Lowes (2 poles needed for installation)

(https://www.lowes.com/pd/Common-2-in-Actual-2-In-Metallic-Rigid-10-ft-Conduit/3129563?cm_mmc=shp_-b_-prd_-elc_-ggl_-LIA_ELC_000_PRO_-3129563_-local_-0_-0&qad_source=1&qclid=Cj0KCQiA35urBhDCARIsAOU7QwlxoeKbHdC7mq2yrVW0kA8iocJc0zB0lyUD1JINapcVa-wi_XYxKQEaAmFGEALw_wcB&qclsrc=aw.ds)

Telescoping poles for single bat house mount:

S&K Telescoping Bat House Tri-Pole with Ground Socket 15 feet (<https://a.co/d/dingEti>)

Wooden poles for installation

A variety of wooden options can be used for bat house poles. This includes 4x4 and 6x6 posts, 2x4 posts secured together, and larger posts like utility poles. These are available from most local hardware retailers.