

Material Sources

Nest Box: Cedar kits (Helmeke design -- side door) Minnesota Waterfowl Association (MWA); 901 First St. N.; Hopkins, MN 55343. Phone: 952-767-0320 or <www.mnwaterfowl.com>

Poles: Eight-foot treated landscape timbers (flat on two sides) from any lumber yard. Discarded steel sign posts sometimes available free to conservation groups from Highway Departments.

Sheet metal cone guard: Get out tin snips, or furnish a heating contractor with a pattern. Commercially cut cones and support brackets available through Prairie Pothole Chapter(MWA); <www.prairiepotholeday.com> or by mail @ P.O. Box 14; Willmar, MN 56201.

Angled support brackets: Purchase 1" steel right angle brackets and bend to 40 degrees, or purchase ready-made through Prairie Pothole Chapter at above address. If 4"x4" square posts are used, brackets can be omitted by ordering MWI style cones. MWI cones have 4 "wings" which are bent up and attached to post. Questions? See <www.prairiepotholeday.com>

