

# Snyder Porches

Thank you for purchasing this product from the Purple Martin Conservation Association. Your purchase helps support the education, conservation, and research projects of the PMCA! These porches can be used on most natural or plastic gourds or homemade houses. The following instructions are for mounting on a plastic gourd. **\*Please read all instructions completely before beginning!**



**Note: Two 3/16" X 1" bolts/screws and nuts need to be provided if the porches are purchased separately!**

1. Line up the porch so that it is flush with (or at the most 1/8" below) the entrance hole and make a mark through the holes so that it is known where to drill mounting holes. Drill two 3/16" holes underneath the entrance hole of the gourd. **Although there are pre-marked dimples on the front of the Excluder Gourd (these are the manufacturer's recommendation), the PMCA recommends that these holes be positioned flush or even with the entrance, or no lower than 1/8" below to prevent starlings from gaining access to the cavity.**
2. There is a difference between the two porches provided. The outer porch has pre-made indentations molded into the corners to accommodate specially designed Excluder Gourd Owl Guards (sold separately). These indentations do not affect the performance of the product as a porch. The inner porch is plain.
3. Position the outer porch against the outside of the gourd, lining up the holes on the porch with the holes just drilled in the gourd. The grooved side of the porch is the top; it provides traction for the martins on entering and exiting. Place two stainless steel bolts/screws (hardware is provided with the purchase of Excluder Gourds, but not if porches are purchased separately) through the holes under the porch and through the gourd.
4. Open the side access hole, insert inner porches and line up the inner porch's holes with the bolts/screws that are sticking through to the inside of the gourd. Slide the inner porch onto the bolts/screws, making a long platform. Thread stainless steel nuts onto bolts/screws and tighten with small wrench, holding onto the head of the bolt/screw from the outside.



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