

Manufacturing Attractive Bird Products

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Trendsetter 8 or 12 or 16 compartment ground stake

<u>LOCATION</u> Your martin house should be as far away from trees as possible. An average minimum distance of 40 feet away from trees is required. Martins like wide open flight paths around their housing. Think of your martin housing being an airport and the martin as the airplane. Martins prefer to have two or more runways to land and take off. Also, martin housing should be no closer than 25 feet or no further than 120 feet from human housing. Martins like to be close to people.

Dig a square hole 14" wide, 14" long and 24" deep. The painted end with a piece of welded angle along the side is the end which is to be above ground. The welded nut at the opposite end, is for shipping, and will be in the cement at the bottom of your hole. Standing the ground stake in the center of your hole, fill the hole with wet premixed cement to ground level. Be sure the ground stake is plumb and leave 24" above the cement. Also fill the inside of the ground stake with cement, to prevent water from accumulating and freezing inside. The pole will slide over the ground stake later, so be sure to wipe clean the ground stake of any excess cement. The dimensions above require 5 bags of dry cement mix available at your local building store.