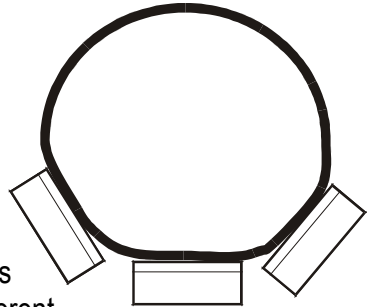


## BIOQUIP Guide to siting your bat box

Bat boxes can be sited on trees or buildings, if possible the box should be positioned about 4 to 6m above the ground and preferably face between south-east and south-west.

As bats tend to move around between roosts (except when occupying a maternity or hibernation roost) if you place boxes in a cluster around a tree trunk (see right), then they are more likely to be used.



In addition a selection of different bat box designs will also offer a variety of roosting options for different species of bat.

When siting your box, choose a site that is close to a food source such as a woodland edge or mature garden if possible.

If you have a wooden box do not use paint or preservatives. This may discourage or even kill bats if inappropriate substances are used. Schwegler bat boxes do not need any treatment and will last for many years.

The best way to see if your bat box is in use is to look for bat droppings (like mouse droppings) on the tree trunk or underneath the bat box. If the box is occupied you must not look inside as all bats and their roosts are protected by law and must not be disturbed. You can watch for emerging bats at dusk in the summer.

If after a couple of years your boxes are not used, try re-siting them in a different position



*Schwegler 1FD with internal panel (left)  
Schwegler 1FF, suitable for hanging on a building (centre)  
Timber wedge box (right)*