

The Ultimate Purple Martin House

Name _____



Photo: Lorrie Shaw

Purple Martin landlords go to great lengths to ensure their martin colonies are as successful as possible. They also strive to attract as many martins as they can by offering elaborate martin houses or gourds. The house above is part of a “neighborhood” of several martin houses. Some have dozens of martin houses that serve hundreds of birds. Diligent landlords monitor their colonies closely, keep track of nestlings, and remove unwanted guests like house sparrows, starlings, snakes, and other predators.

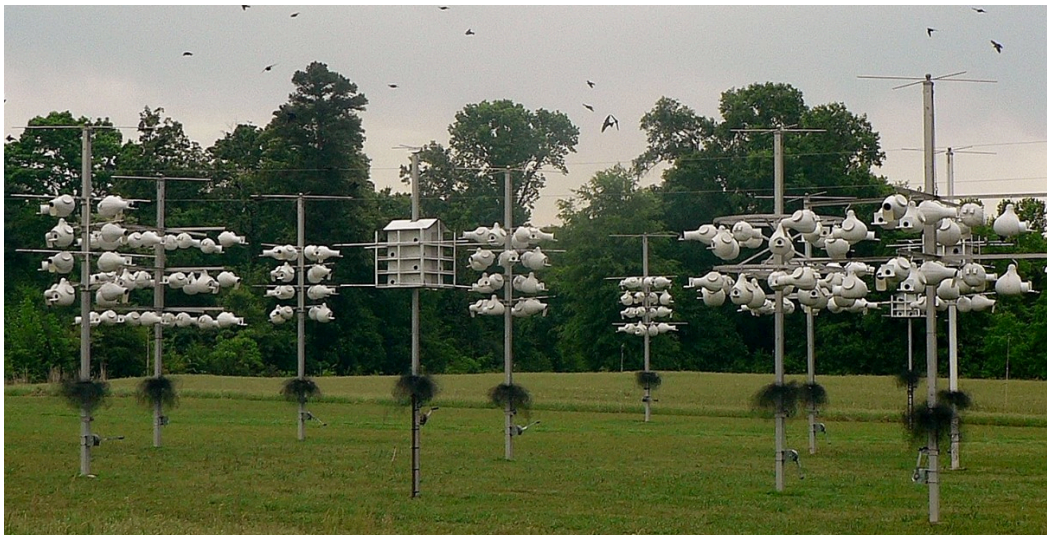


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Pretend you are a new landlord hoping to attract your own colony of martins. In the space provided on the following page, draw and color the perfect martin house. You can make it elaborate! Make sure you include happy martins on its perches!

The Perfect Martin House

Name _____

Location: _____

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