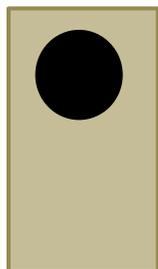


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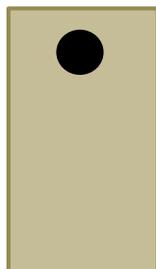
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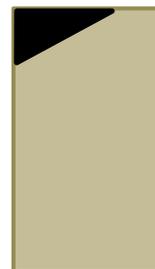
Front view:



Large hole best suits brushtail possums



Small hole best suits ringtail possums

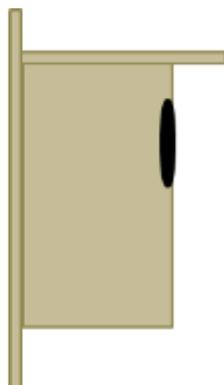
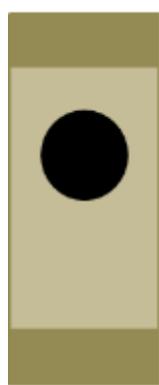


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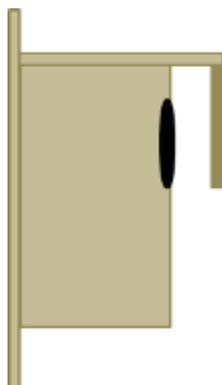
More designs can be seen at: <http://www.nestingboxes.com.au/>

Keeping out unwanted visitors

To stop pesty birds such as indian mynahs moving in to your nest box, retrofit a piece of timber to the front of the box.



Front view / Side view



Side view with feral proof retrofit



Side view with feral proof retrofit and side covers

Feral bees, ants and rats

Bees, ants and rats will kill native wildlife in a nest box. Try to get bees relocated by a honey farmer (fees may apply) or undertake bee and ant pest control at night when bees are asleep (be aware of the risks or use a professional pest controller).



Native bees on the other hand are less likely to every take over a nest box. In fact, an insect hotel positioned near a nest box can create competition to keep feral bees away from wildlife.

A plastic or metal sleeve around the tree can prevent cats and rats climbing up to the nest box, but will also prevent possums and koalas, so this should only be used if there is access to the canopy and nest box from a neighbouring tree.



Important tips for nest boxes

In vertical (or steeply sloping) nest boxes, install a 'ladder' for birds and possums to climb out of the nest, such as a wire mesh strip or some horizontal grooves, either sawn or chiselled into the wood.

Unless you see an introduced bird moving into the nest box, resist the urge to lift the lid and look inside. If you disturb animals then they may abandon their nest and babies.

Drill some drainage holes into the bottom section and add a few wood shavings to the bottom of your nest box.

Positioning your nest box

Nest box locations should be quiet, up high (over 4m), safe from predators (e.g. cats) and sheltered from prevailing winds, the midday sun and night time lights.

The box itself should be positioned so that the animal(s) can easily get in and out and can easily reach and climb onto nearby branches.

Attaching your nest box

Resources

Nest box plans: birdsinyourbackyards.net/Nest-Box-Plans

Pre-made nest boxes: nestingboxes.com.au and faunature.com.au/nesting-boxes-wildlife-hollows.html

Langwarrin and Frankston South Landcare Group: woodlandslandcare.weebly.com

Local flora and fauna info: langwarrinwoodlands.org

