

How to make a drey for Possums

Making a drey for ringtail possums is very easy. Brushtails also like to sleep in these snug warm homes, so if you are unable to put up a box for a visiting possum, these dreys are a great substitute.

Purchase two hanging baskets or reuse old ones that you already have. Remove the hanging chains from one of the baskets. Remove some wire from one of the baskets to make an entrance and an exit. An exit is needed in case 'unfriendlies' come visiting! Ensure that you file any sharp points to prevent injury to the occupants.

Line the baskets with coconut fibre. On the basket that is on the top, wire through the fibre to some of the struts to prevent the top layer coming down or collapsing. Wire the two baskets together, then hang up in a safe place and wait for occupants to arrive.

You can add some camouflage by threading through fine branches from trees on the outside of the drey. This also adds weatherproofing, and gives a more natural look to the drey. Possums, especially ringtails, will usually bring their own interior design with them.

