

MAKE A DREY FOR RINGTAIL POSSUMS

Build shelter. Add habitat. Give ringtails another place to rest.



WHAT IS A DREY?

Ringtail possums build ball-shaped nests called dreys from sticks, leaves and bark. They may use several dreys within a home range, so an artificial drey can provide an extra sheltered option in suitable habitat.



GATHER THESE

- 2 lined wire hanging baskets
- Cable ties
- Pliers / wire cutters
- Scissors
- Optional paperbark or leaves
- Adult help for cutting

PUT IT TOGETHER

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REMOVE. Take the chains off both baskets. Keep one chain for later.

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JOIN. Place the baskets rim-to-rim and secure the edge with 5-6 cable ties.

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OPEN. Cut one vertical wire, then cut the coconut-fibre liner to form a side entry flap.

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SECURE. Tie the flap back, trim cable-tie tails and make sure cut wire ends are safely bent or covered.

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FINISH. Reattach one hanging chain. Weave paperbark, leaves or twigs through the outside for extra cover.

SAFETY: Cutting wire and coconut fibre can be difficult - children should have adult help.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT SPOT - THEN LET THE POSSUMS DO THE REST

- Hang the drey in a protected tree or shrub, preferably within dense foliage.
- Choose a position with connected branches so possums can approach under cover.

- Keep it away from regular disturbance and domestic pets.
- Do not use food to lure possums. Improve habitat with vegetation and shelter instead.



A drey is one small habitat feature. The bigger upgrade is connected vegetation, shelter and safe places to move.