



# Create a possum nest

Did you know Common Brushtail Possums prefer to live in tree hollows, whereas the Ringtail Possum will create a nest high up in a tree? Here is a step-by-step guide to create a possum nest ready for Ringtails to move in.

## Materials

- Hanging baskets x2 (approx. 30cm diameter)
- Cable ties or wire
- Wire cutters
- Gloves (for handling materials)

## Make your nest

1. Remove the chain from the hanging baskets.
2. Put one basket on top of the other and secure them together with cable ties around the circumference to provide stability for the nest.
3. Use wire cutters to cut out an entry.
4. Using scissors, cut the coconut fibre to create an opening and fold it back over the wire and secure it with cable ties.
5. Reconnect one of the chains that you removed earlier. Make sure the basket hangs evenly.
6. Attach the nest securely to a branch using strong rope or cable ties, ensuring it doesn't swing excessively in the wind. Hang in a safe location at least 3 meters high in a tree, away from predators like cats and foxes.

## Tips

- Possums will bring in their own bedding materials.
- Position the entrance towards a tree trunk for easy access.
- Monitor the nest from a distance to ensure it is being used by possums.
- Avoid handling the nest after installation to minimise stress on wildlife.
- Nearby native trees and shrubs will provide food sources.

