

TREE HOLLOW & NESTING BOXES

Tree Hollow

Tree hollows form naturally during the life of a tree in many species, especially eucalypt species. Hollows are formed by a variety of causes: exposure to weather, invertebrate attack, fungi and bacteria are just some of the causes.

It can take small hollows up to 100 years to form. Brush-tailed phascogale and eastern pygmy possums are suited to this sized hollow. Whilst hollows suited for parrots can take up to 200 years to develop. It can be even longer for larger burrows to be ready to accommodate larger species like black cockatoos and brush-tailed possums.

Tree hollows are essential for many species as a primary shelter from weather and predators, forming part of their natural habitat. Many bird species use hollows to create nests for egg laying and chick raising.

Sadly, decaying and dead trees (which often contain hollows) are cleared intentionally or without thought to make room for residential areas or agricultural fields. More and more of our native wildlife species are struggling to find suitable habitats with naturally formed hollows. So, what can you do?

Nest Boxes

Whilst nothing will replace a naturally formed tree hollow, nesting boxes are a great alternative in their absence. Nest boxes mimic tree hollows and offer a safe space for animals to nest and raise their young, roost and shelter in.

Nest Boxes Australia are situated in Loganholme, Queensland and have been manufacturing nest boxes for different species since 2006. To view their website or order your very own nest box to help wildlife in your backyard, scan the QR code here.

