

BUILDING A RINGTAIL POSSUM DREY

Materials you will need:

- Two 300mm coir lined hanging baskets
- 10 x cable ties
- Sharp scissors
- Pliers/wire cutters
- Piece of shade cloth or similar 400mm x 400mm in size.

Step 1: Obtain two 300mm coir lined hanging baskets. Remove the hanging chains. Select one basket for the top and the other for the bottom.

Step 2: Remove a piece of the wire frame in top basket for entry and escape hole gaps. Make the entry hole and the escape gap opposite each other.

Step 3: Line both top and bottom frames with 400mm x 400mm shade cloth (Shade cloth gives a longer life for the coir lining as birds foraging for nesting material and weather effects are reduced. Insert the liners).

Step 4: In the top coir lining, cut an entry hole in one gap and the escape hole in the other. Make a cross cut i.e. do not remove any of the liner. ENTRY HOLE MUST BE NO BIGGER THAN 60MM WIDE. Fold back the entry flaps and fasten with cable ties, ensuring that coir lining covers any sharp edges. Leave the escape hole 'closed' – don't cable tie this one open.

Step 5: Join both baskets together with cable ties. Insert small leafy branches of peppermint, or other plants available from your garden/property into the metal frame. This will further insulate and camouflage the drey.

Drey placement:

- At least 4 metres above the ground
- In the fork of a tree
- Sheltered from full midday and afternoon sun
- Away from people and dogs
- Facing southeast away from inclement weather.

Cable tie the drey securely into the fork of a tree or to small sturdy branches. Ensure the entry hole is facing outwards and the escape hole is not covered. It is OK for the drey to move with the branches in the wind. Remember you are trying to place the drey where possums are at least risk from predators and disturbance.

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Remove part of frame at opposite sides for entry hole and escape gap



60mm entrance

