

# BE A HERO FOR POSSUMS AND GLIDERS

While commonly sighted animals such as Brushtail possums and Ringtail possums have adapted well to living in urbanised environments, they are under increasing pressure from loss of habitat and native food sources.

Here are some of the actions we can all take to co-exist harmoniously with our possum and glider populations.



Image: Judith Gray



If you find an injured possum or glider, or an infant that appears to be on its own, contact WIRES. Call: 1300 094 737  
Download the app: [wires.org.au/rescue/rescue-app](https://wires.org.au/rescue/rescue-app)  
Report online: [wires.org.au/rescue/report-a-rescue](https://wires.org.au/rescue/report-a-rescue)



Image: Sue Rex

If you think you have a possum in your roof, it is recommended that you use humane methods to encourage the possum to move outside by providing an alternative nesting spot in a nearby tree. It is illegal to kill or relocate a possum; or trap one without a licence. You can find out more at the NSW Government link provided below.



It's easy and relatively inexpensive to create an artificial home for Ringtail possums, using wire hanging baskets with coconut fibre linings, which most closely replicate the size and comfort of a natural home or 'drey'.

It's important to remember that possums and gliders are protected in NSW. You can find out more about living harmoniously with them and other wildlife at [www.wires.org.au](http://www.wires.org.au)

You can buy nesting boxes or build your own, which are favoured by Brushtail possums. It's recommended that you locate a suitable tree in your backyard and fix the box at least four metres above the ground.



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For more information on making possum boxes and dreys visit: [www.wires.org.au/wildlife-info/wildlife-factsheets](http://www.wires.org.au/wildlife-info/wildlife-factsheets)

The NSW Government has useful information at: [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/questions/possum-removal-roof](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/questions/possum-removal-roof)