

Tree Hollows

Take a walk to explore the trees near you and see if you can see any hollows in trees that may be home to creatures small or large.

If you do not find any significant hollows you may wish to use the instructions below to build a nesting box for small insects (an insect motel) or visit pages such as Wild Life Rescue or the RSPCA to find instructions on building a nesting box for possums or kookaburras.

YOU WILL NEED

- A solid box structure with a sloped roof such as a display box
- Nesting material such as hollow sticks
- Reeds
- Bamboo sticks
- Wooden straws
- Seed pods
- Drilled wooden disks
- Pine cones
- Grasses
- Hollow pottery bricks
- Clay pots
- And anything else with small holes where animals might like to build their home.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Spray the wood with a water repellent or waterproof spray to protect it from rain.
- 2 Arrange the items you have in sets and if necessary tie or glue them together such as with the straws.
- 3 Measure the straws and cut them so that they fit neatly inside the box with no overhang at the front.
- 4 Using a hot glue gun glue each item or set of items to the inside of the box to make a series or cubby holes for small insects and bees.
- 5 Place the insect or bee hotel outside and watch small animals make this their new hollow home.



Follows a sequence of steps for making designed solutions.

