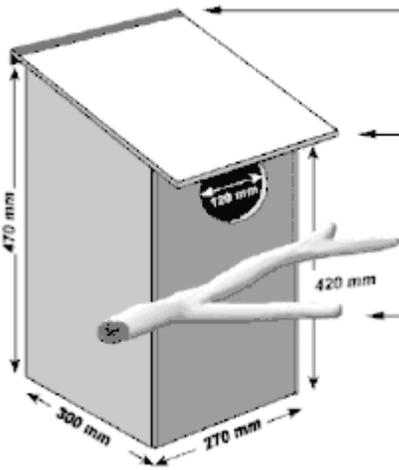
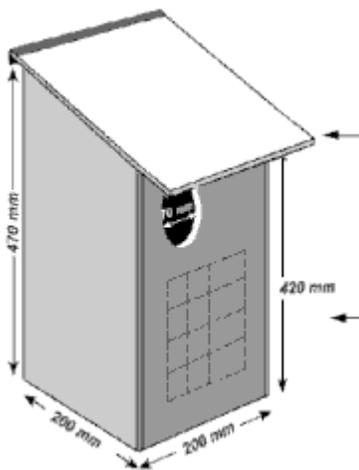


# Build a possum box



## The Brushtail Possum Box

The top edge of the roof should be weather sealed with a folded strip of sheet metal, aluminium angle or a rubber flap. To stop rain getting in the lid should overhang by around 120mm. The entry hole should be located directly under the eaves and be between 110mm to 120mm wide.



## Ringtail Possum Box

Is basically the same design as the Brushtail possum box. It is slightly narrower and the entrance hole is 70mm to 80mm wide.

Possums in your garden - not in your roof! You can buy our ready-made boxes, but here are some basic instructions for those who prefer to make their own.

There are boxes for various types of possums. This design suits brushtails, ringtails and sugar gliders. For others we recommend the 'Nest Box Book' published by the Gould League of Victoria. **What you need**

Use a building materials that are hardy and provide a level of insulation from the heat and cold.

**Timber:** You can use any timber you like, except chipboard (which disintegrates rapidly outdoors) or treated pine (which is toxic if gnawed on by the possum).

12mm plywood or untreated pine is excellent. These are reasonably hardy, and not too expensive (ask your local timber yard or cover sheets or seconds). The wood needs to be at least 10mm to provide insulation.

**Fastenings:** Use screws and glue to hold the construction together. They will last much longer and hold greater weight than nails.

**Something to seal the top edge of the box:** Sheet metal, piece of aluminum, a rubber flap or piece of old inner tube will work.

- Drill
- Saw
- Wire or chain and a piece of old hose pipe to cover it
- Heavy gauge flat head nails for fastening
- Flexible metal strip

## Optional extras

- Small, sturdy branch
- Sealant and/or UV resistant paint: Choose a colour like dark brown or green that blends in with the surrounding bush.