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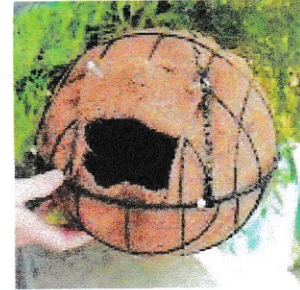
Ringtail Possum Homes

Making a drey using hanging baskets

It is important that possum homes/dreys are strong. A DIY drey should resemble as closely as possible in size and comfort to a natural drey. Hanging basket dreys are a great addition to your garden as they are the right size, comfortable and look as natural as possible.

Items Required

1. Two wire hanging baskets (medium in size) 30cm
2. Two coconut fiber basket liners
3. Cable ties (small)
4. Scissors
5. Wire Cutters



How to make the drey

1. Take out the liner from the top basket. In the front of the wire basket cut a small section out to make the entrance to the drey. Then cut a small section out of the back to make a quick escape hatch in case a preying animal enters the front.
2. Take the hanging chain off the top and bottom baskets and remove the bottom liner.
3. Place the two wire baskets together to make a ball and secure with cable ties.
4. Place the top liner into the ball first, and then place the bottom liner into the ball so that the top liner sits over the bottom liner. This is so that if it rains the water will run off, instead of pooling in the bottom of the drey.
5. With scissors make a hole in the top liner on either side of the centre wire at the top of the drey. Cable tie the liner to the wire basket to avoid the top collapsing.
6. Secure the edges of the liner, top and bottom to the wire basket.
7. At the front opening make 2 cuts about 5cm long vertically, close to the outer edges of the opening. Fold this flap up and cable tie to the wire basket (see picture above of front entry)
8. In the back exit section cut about 5cm vertically up the liner in the middle of the opening (this allows for the possum to push the escape hatch open but keeps the drey protected from the weather)
9. Attach the chain onto the drey where the two wire baskets meet. Make sure the clip goes through the bottom and top wire basket by clipping to the joined section, making sure that the drey hangs evenly. Trim all cable ties, ensuring there are no sharp edges that might cause injury to the possum.

Well done you now have an amazing possum drey ready for hanging at your home.

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