

What can I do?

Property owners are responsible for managing impacts of possums on their property.

There are options to assist with managing impacts around the home and garden. These can be inexpensive and require effort and commitment to be effective.

Don't feed wildlife

Feeding possums is harmful to their health and can change their natural behaviour.

Secure rubbish and compost bins properly to prevent access to food waste. Food waste can attract possums to your property.

For help managing household waste, contact your local Council.

If you find a sick or injured possum, please call a wildlife rescuer, shelter or foster carer. Call 136 186 or scan the QR code for [Help for Injured Wildlife Tool](#)



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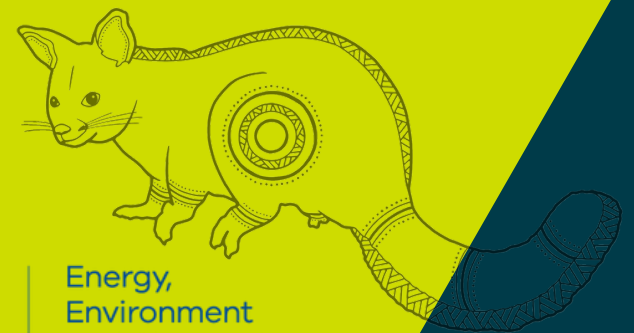


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Living with Wildlife Possums in your garden



Common Brushtail Possums and Ringtail Possums have adapted to living in urban environments. They are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975.

- It is illegal to disturb or destroy wildlife without an appropriate permit, licence, authorisation or exemption.
- For many Victorians, sharing your property with possums is a part of life. The trees and gardens around our houses provide a modified woodland similar to their natural habitat.
- Possums eat the leaves, flowers and fruits of a wide variety of native and exotic trees and shrubs.
- Brushtail Possums may also eat grass, fungi, pet food, birds' eggs and baby birds.
- Relocating possums is prohibited. It does not resolve the problem and causes poor welfare for possums.

For more information visit www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/possums



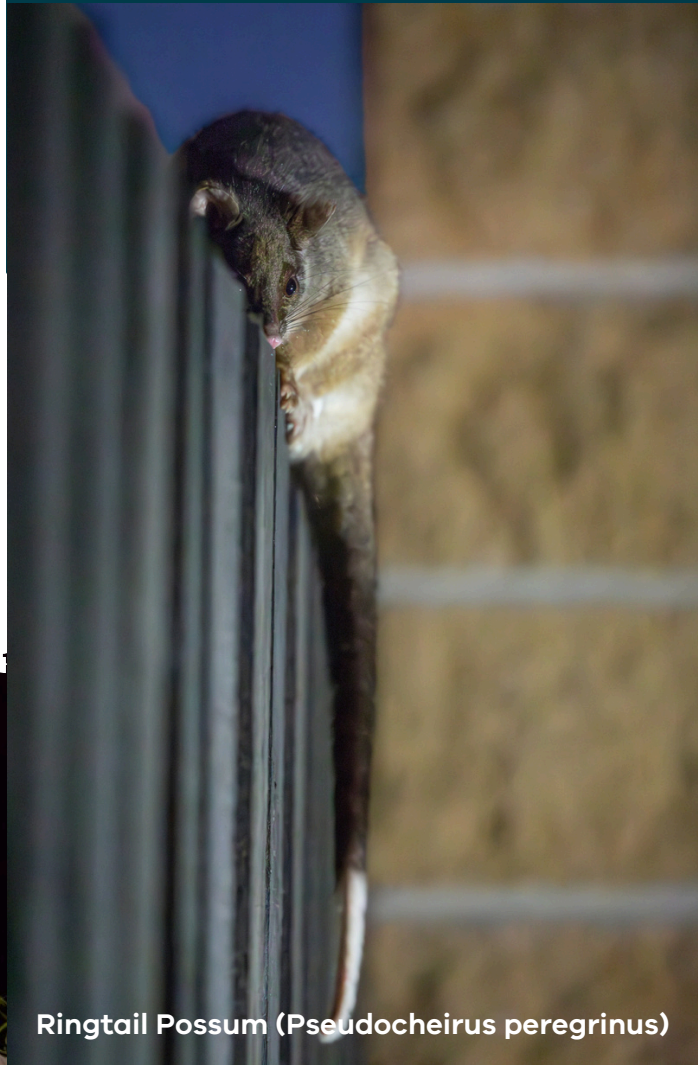
Brushtail Possum (Trichosurus vulpecula)

Did you know?

Ringtail Possums build multiple nests called 'dreys' that they sleep in during the day.

Ringtail Possums generally do not live in buildings but Brushtail Possums are often found in roofs.

Visit our [website](#) for further information on managing Brushtail Possums in roofs.



Ringtail Possum (Pseudocheirus peregrinus)

Around the home and garden

There are a few things you can do if possums are damaging plants or fruit around your property.

- Protect trees with a 60cm wide tree collar to stop possums climbing.
- Use [wildlife-safe fruit tree netting](#) to protect food plants and trees.
- Prune branches from trees that create a pathway to the roof.
- Check which trees are attracting possums and consider alternative species where possible.
- Check holes in roofs and block them if possible to ensure possums can't enter. Make sure no possums are in the roof before blocking holes.
- Install a nest box as an alternative den site. Possums are territorial, so if one adopts the nest box, it is likely to keep others away from your roof and garden.
- Build a floppy fence around the garden. When the possum attempts to climb the fence, it will bend and they'll fall off.
- Repellents may reduce possums browsing on ornamental trees or fruit. Apply treatments regularly and use in combination with other methods.

