

# How effective are nest boxes in Victoria?

Share your nest box news and help make nest boxes better



Nest boxes are widely used in Victoria to enhance habitat for wildlife, and are installed for a variety of species by many organisations and community groups.

This represents a significant investment in time, energy and resources to install, maintain and monitor nest boxes, and includes many volunteer hours.

Although some information on the use of nest boxes by different species is available, it is limited and does not capture the breadth of where nest boxes are being installed in Victoria, and their success in enhancing the conservation of species.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is collating information on projects that have installed nest boxes in Victoria. The aim is to understand the extent and distribution of nest boxes, which species are targeted, which species use them, and whether monitoring of nest box occupancy or maintenance is undertaken. We are also interested in the type of monitoring data being collected.

This information will be used to inform better design, placement and use of nest boxes to suit animals and their conservation needs, as well as supporting those constructing and installing nest boxes.

This is a call-out for information about nest boxes that you may know about anywhere in Victoria.

If you or your organisation have been responsible for nest box installation or monitoring in Victoria, you are invited to join in and contribute information.

Please contact us by the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and we will ask you about various aspects of your nest box projects including:

- Where you have installed nest boxes
- Number of boxes
- Type of box
- Target species/purpose
- Monitoring & maintenance
- Data collection & storage
- Use of boxes by animals

We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your help in improving nest boxes.

**Please contact us by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

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