

Hollows for homes in the mid-Murrumbidgee

Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc

MLi provides temporary habitat for a wide range of important animal species.

The issue

Approximately 46 species of animals and 81 species of birds need hollows for shelter or breeding in NSW. Wide-spread tree clearing has resulted in a “housing shortage”. There is a need to improve habitat for a wide range of important animal and bird species across the mid-Murrumbidgee. It takes a long time to grow a hollow however intervention in the form of installing nesting boxes can provide a tool to mitigate the historic losses of the past in the short-term.

The solution

Raising awareness and promoting the importance hollows provides a tool to mitigate the historic losses of the past for the long-term. Given that it takes such a long time to form a hollow, intervention in the form of installing nest boxes can provide a tool to mitigate the historic losses of the past in the short-term and may induce hollow-using mammals and birds to return to an area.

The impact

Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc. are working with six landcare groups to install 200 nest boxes for a variety of birds and mammals, including the swift parrot, squirrel glider and microbat. Funding for this project was provided by Riverina Local Land Services.



Key facts

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Project Partners



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