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Dads' night with Joeys

OBJECTIVE: Working together to help the environment.

Preparation: The week before, send home a notice with all the details and list all the tools that will be needed.

5 minutes

Opening: Hop, flag break and welcome

5 minutes

Game: Tool relay

Put the Joeys and their dads in two teams at one end of the hall, a pile of tools in the middle of the hall (using some safer tools of the kind dads use, or cardboard or plywood cut out shapes of tools) and a box at the other end. The Joeys and their dads then run up in turn, grab a tool and walk back to place it in the box.

10 minutes

Let's talk about: Dads

Dads and male visitors talk about what they do for a living and to relax. Encourage the Joeys to ask questions. The Joeys can talk about what they will be like as parents when they grow up.

30 minutes

Activity: Make nesting boxes

See the instructions provided on a separate sheet. Ask the dads to bring all the tools needed (saws, squares, hammers, hole saws, drills, drill bits, etc) and supply all the other materials. Make a box beforehand so the dads know where to drill holes for nails, etc. This is a joint activity between one parent and one Joey, not just dad doing it all. The Leaders need to know what to do so that they can offer help where needed. Combine this activity with one in the future to hang the boxes. If the boxes are not finished they can be completed at home and brought back later.

5 minutes

Pack up tools

This shows the Joeys how to care for tools and not just leave them where they were used.

5 minutes

Closing: Hop, and lower the flag

Prayer

Thank you, Dear Lord, for dads who look after us and help us to make things.

Amen.

Farewell and any notices.

RESOURCES

You will need to supply timber, nails and copies of the instructions.

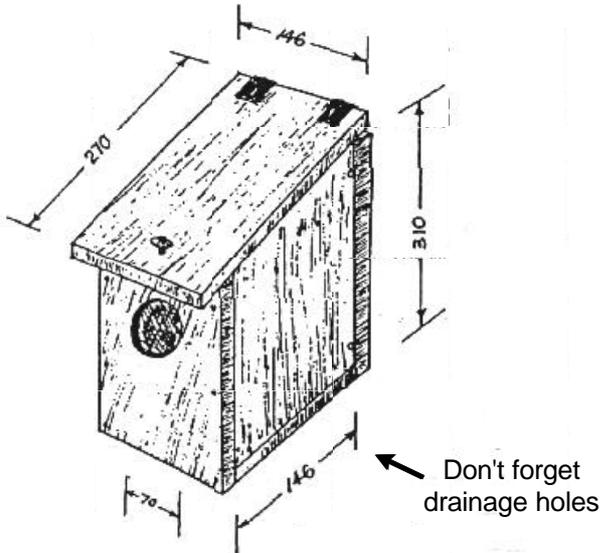
Nesting boxes for native animals

Bird boxes

Made from CCA treated (ie permapine) pine palings 146mm (wider preferred) x 17mm x 1.5 - 2.1m.

Entrance hole diameters:

- Striated Pardalote 2.5 - 3.5cm
- Tree Creepers 5.8cm
- Rosellas/Possums 7 - 10cm

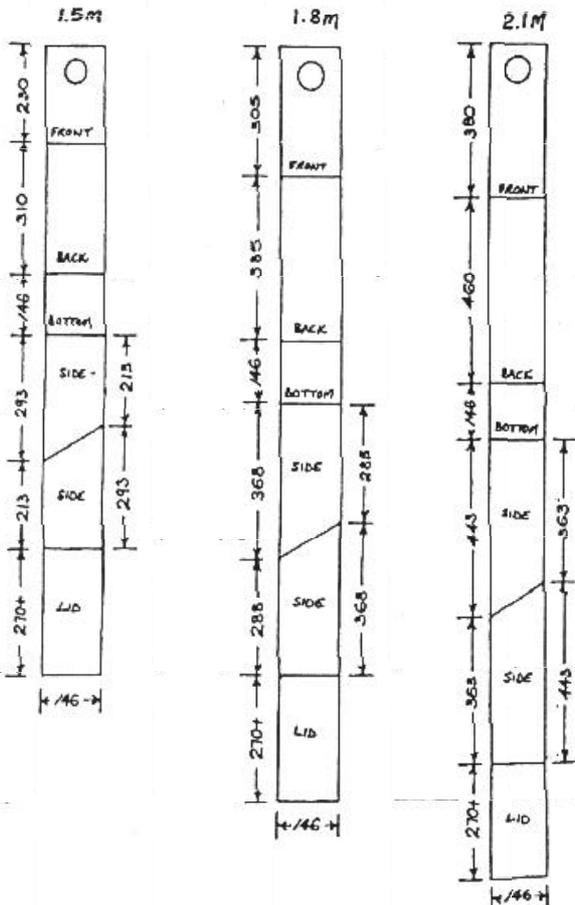
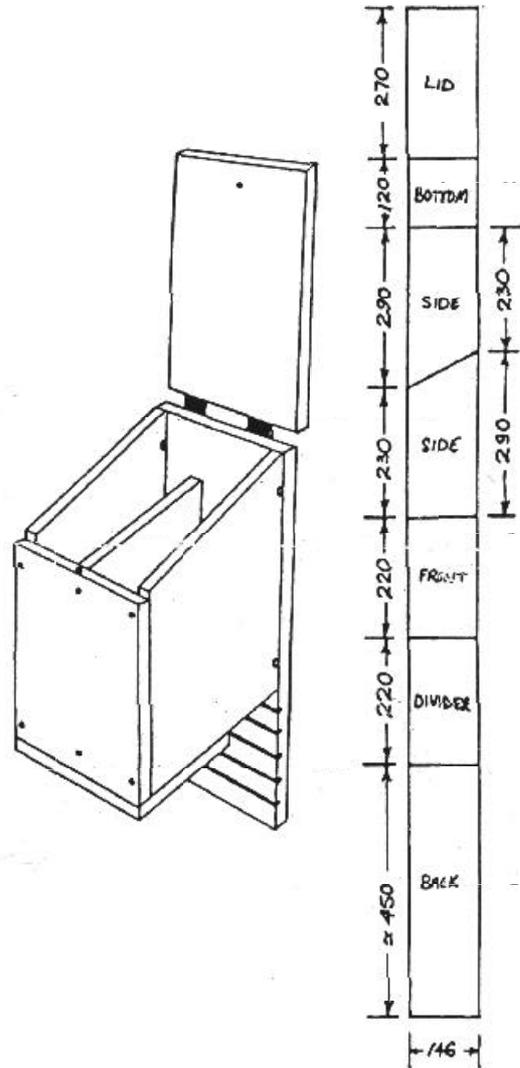


Bat boxes

Made from CCA treated (ie permapine) pine palings 176mm x 17mm x 1.8m, or any unplanned (rough) wood.

Note: Recent results show that the bottom opening need only be a 2cm gap at the bottom of the box.

- * 6 species have been found using these boxes.
- * 25 bats have been found in one box.



For further information

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- * Healesville Sanctuary Education Service pamphlet Home is a hole
- * Bird Observers Club 1986 pamphlet Nest boxes for Australian birds)