

HOLLOW LOG HOMES



Number of nesting boxes made since April 1999: 19,654

A Quarterly Newsletter concerning hollow dependent fauna and nest boxes

Species Profile

The Striated Pardalote

The Striated Pardalote or *Pardalotus Striatus* is a small bird (90-115mm) which lives throughout most of Australia. It can be found in almost any habitat, however they favour eucalypt forests and woodlands.

Pardalotes have white eyebrows with a yellow spot in front of their eye, usually with olive-grey backs and a white stripe down their wing.

They nest in anything from a small hollow, a tunnel in an earthen bank or human made objects with a small opening. The nest is usually located close to the ground. Breeding season is between June and January and they form pairs or small groups. Both sexes incubate and care for the young birds. Other members of the



Striated Pardalote and it's chicks in a Pardalote nesting box at Cambroon

group may also help with the feeding of the young.

The Striated Pardalote feeds on a wide variety of insects and their larvae, usually skimming them from the surfaces of leaves in the tops of trees. They often feed in groups and maintain contact with constant trills.

There are four species of Pardalote in Australia; The Striated Pardalote, The Spotted Pardalote, The Red Browed and The Forty-spotted Pardalote which is one of Australia's rarest birds.

The Perfect Place for a Nesting Box



Pardalote

Pardalotus Striatus

Habitat: Eucalyptus forests and woodlands

Diet: Insects and their larvae

Behavior: Often seen in pairs or groups.

Pardalotes remain in contact with each other with soft trills.

Positioning of a nesting box: 3 to 6 meters high

Installation: From a standing position or with a ladder. Box dimensions are quite small making this box easy to install.

The Perfect Property: Any size area, with native trees and low lying shrubs. Position on the side of a building or in a tree without foliage covering the entrance. Often close to a creek is ideal as the creek attracts an array of insects for the birds to feed on.

The Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo

Calyptorhynchus Funereus

Habitat: Eucalypt woodland

Diet: Seeds of native trees and pinecones, but birds also feed on the seeds of ground plants. Some insects are also eaten.

Behavior: Feed in large noisy groups.

Positioning of a nesting box: 8 to 10 meters high. Position in a quiet area away from noise and direct view.

Installation: Box will need to be installed with a cherry picker due to the height needed to attract Black Cockatoos and the weight and size of the box.

The Perfect Property: Medium to large acreage with an abundance of mature Eucalypt and other native trees creating an intact forest.

Introducing The NEW Three Chambered Bat Box

After the remarkable success of the hanging bat box and the four chambered bat box we decided to concentrate on a bat box that could be used under bridges and on trees and so using the successful elements of the 4 chambered bat box and the hanging bat box we came up with the the 3 chambered bat box.

After extensive field testing and having maternity roosts of Goulds long-eared bats and Goulds wattled bats we modified our old two chambered bat box to use what we now think is the key design features to successfully having maternity roosts in an affordable bat box.

Meet Beau

Beau has been working for HLH for most of 2013. He will be doing box installations this year and working in the workshop.

Beau has a bachelor in architecture and is halfway through completing his masters. After taking a break from uni and moving back to Queensland from Melbourne to build a small cabin in Cambroon, Beau applied to work for HLH in the workshop and in the field while he builds and travels. He has recently completed a 30 day trek in Nepal, reaching altitudes of over 5000 meters above sea level.

He is excited to learn more about Australian fauna and looking to expand his knowledge of building with Alan in the workshop and on the cabin.

He has already participated in the monitoring of over 600 nesting boxes which has given him a valuable insight into the use of boxes and their durability.



Looking for Photographs and Stories

As most of you know we have recently started a HLH Facebook page. We're looking for more photographs and stories to post and share with our Facebook friends. So if you have any photographs of your nesting box being used, or a story to share email Dominique on franks.dominique@gmail.com