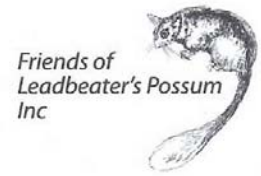




**Friends of Leadbeaters Possum
Nest Box Checking Field Trips
Maroondah & O'Shannassy Catchments
March 20 & 21 - 2010**



In conjunction with Parks Victoria, FLBP propose to aid the ongoing survival of Leadbeater's Possum by providing additional homes in the form of nestboxes to supplement the natural tree hollows in key Leadbeater's Possum habitat in Victoria's Central Highlands.

A maximum of 3 FLBP volunteers are needed for each days activities to help monitor the use of pre-installed nestboxes for use by Leadbeater's Possum. This is a daytime activity and requires volunteers to have a reasonable level of fitness to walk some distance through bush often carrying a ladder and other smaller items that will be required for the activity. Your observations will be recorded and added to an ongoing monitoring program for Leadbeater's Possum.

The "Project Possum" boxes being checked are part of the "Adopt-a-Nestbox" project.

- We will be checking approximately 23 boxes on the Saturday in the Maroondah Catchment – these are the adopted nestboxes in the number range from 43 to 65.
- We will be checking approximately 25 boxes on the Sunday in the O'Shannassy Catchment – these are the adopted nestboxes in the number range from 75 to 99.

All training and observations that might be expected will be provided on site. Volunteers with "Working at Heights – Ladder" training are required to check the boxes, but additional volunteers can still participate to help with carrying equipment, recording data and finding the boxes.

Meeting details for both days:
Parks Victoria Office carpark.
Symes Rd, Woori Yallock. Melways 286 F10.
Time: TBC, but early as all day events.



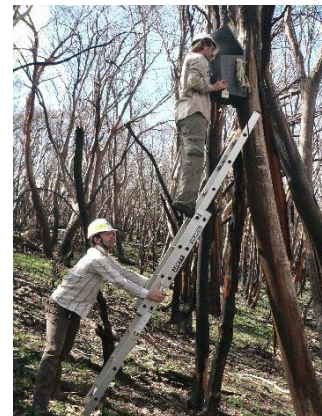
Photos by
Jo Antrobus:
Nestbox with LBP nest
& at Lake Mountain
checking a box.

What to bring:

- Clothing for warm & cold (wet?) weather and to protect against scratching from thick vegetation
- Sturdy boots
- Insect repellent or sunscreen as required
- Lunch, water and/or other snacks for the day
- Camera as required

**RSVP with your interest for the Saturday nest box checking
and/or Sunday nest box checking:**

Emma Campbell - Volunteer Field Work Coordinator
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Note:

- Extreme wet weather could cause last minute cancellation due to track/road closures.
- Car pooling available from Woori Yallock. Please advise of your willingness or availability to car pool.
- All volunteers must have FLBP "fieldwork" membership to cover your insurance going into the field. For more information on how to become a member or update your membership to include "fieldwork" go to:
www.leadbeaters.org.au/membership
Please allow 2 weeks for us to process your membership before you go into the field.

For more information on volunteering with FLBP or other ways to assist the ongoing survival of Victoria's faunal emblem visit: www.leadbeaters.org.au