

Organ Pipes bat box check August 2011 Part 3

On 19 August Terry and I installed here new glider boxes purchased from Latrobe Uni nursery, to help the gliders no longer need the bat boxes as refuges



They were all placed near the south end of Main Flat, each near an old and lidless glider box. Two of these old boxes had ringtail possums in them as was the case at the box check last Sunday



The ringtails lay low and say nuffin, in the hope they wouldn't be eaten and we would eventually just go away



One was sleeping in a glider nest, and had possibly evicted the resident gliders. The lid of this box was on the ground at the base of the tree so I took the lid home and will attach a hinge to close the box first time I find it with no ringtail inside.



To finish off we had a look into one of the intact old glider boxes, MF4 and found two anxious Sugar Gliders inside, so they are still hanging on



I am proposing to buy a few more of these boxes from Latrobe uni in the hope that the emerging pattern of gliders being desperate enough to move into bat boxes will come to an end and all the bat boxes will be available for the bats.