

Hello Possums!

Possoms are omnivores - that is, they will eat anything.

In our garden they have eaten roses, lemons, sage leaves and oak tree leaves.

The **Common Brushtail Possum** is more often seen in the Blue Mountains than the smaller Common Ringtail Possum.

Brushtails have a bushy black tail and pointy ears.

Both possums are marsupials.

They're the size of a jellybean when born. They then crawl into their mother's pouch.



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The **Common Ringtail Possum** has a non-bushy curling tail with a white tip. Their ears are rounded.

Both parents carry the young possums on their backs.



Common Ringtail Possums (Mark Ley)



Common Ringtail Possum (Emily Sontor)



Eastern Pygmy Possum (vulnerable) (Julie Favell)

The vulnerable **Eastern Pygmy Possum** was greatly affected by the 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires.

The Lithgow Environment Group arranged for the making and installing of dozens of nesting tubes - which our furry friends are using.

Listen for possums visiting your garden at night and look at their tails to see if they're bushy.



Have you heard a possum on your roof?

Have you seen a Brushtail Possum?

Have you seen a possum on the overhead electricity wires?

Have you seen a Ringtail Possum?