

Is your Fruit Netting Wildlife Friendly?

The netting that is being used to protect our backyard fruit trees may be a **leading cause of death** among native wildlife.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

As many gardeners know, wildlife love eating the produce we grow. Unfortunately, the common methods of covering and protecting our trees/plants can cause small animals to become **trapped** and die due to strangulation, or dehydration. However, there are some alternative ways to protect your garden and local wildlife:

THINGS YOU CAN DO:

USE WILDLIFE FRIENDLY NETTING

Selecting a densely woven netting or one with a mesh size less than 5mm, and securely tying around fruit or tree trunks so that animals can not climb in.



TIP: If you can't poke your finger through the net, it is wildlife friendly!

ENCLOSING GARDEN BEDS

Chicken wire can be used to deter animals from your plant beds while assuring their survival



CLOTH BAGS

You can reuse your cloth bags by using them to wrap fruit or sections of trees individually



TRIM YOUR TREES

Trimming your trees regularly can deter possums from jumping onto branches from fences and structures.




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Let's Save Our Flying Foxes!



Flying Foxes are a legally **protected species** that are a **highly important** part of our bushland ecosystem, and their population is **rapidly declining!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Land Clearings are causing these nocturnal bats to move closer to residential areas to find food and shelter. As they become more common around our homes, they face dangers from **Man-made Hazards** and **Illegal Shootings**.

THINGS YOU CAN DO:

USE WILDLIFE FRIENDLY NETTING IN YOUR GARDENS

Thousands of flying foxes get trapped and hurt in most garden netting

Make sure you are using wildlife-friendly (<5mm mesh size) netting around your plants.

ADVOCATE AND EDUCATE YOUR PEERS

Flying foxes are losing their homes, which forces them to find food elsewhere.

Try to Advocate against clearing natural habitats and educate your community on how to safeguard these beautiful creatures

FOUND AN INJURED FLYING FOX?

If you find an injured flying fox, please do not try to pick it up yourself instead contact your local vet or wildlife expert ASAP.



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