

TREE HOLLOWES



HOW HOLLOWES FORM

Hollows form when trees are damaged or have died. If there is a fire, or a branch falls off a hole can also form in a tree. Bacteria and fungi can get in the tree and make a bigger hole. Tree hollows are in different sizes. Small (2 to 5cm), medium (6 to 9cm), large (10cm+) and extra large (30cm+).



*How long it takes for a
tree hollow to form?*

small: up to 100 years

medium: 200 years

large: over 250 years

*extra large: over 300
years*





What is important about hollows?

Hollows are important because they are homes to 42 different species of animals. Hollows provide shelter, food and a place to breed.

If the tree hollow numbers decrease there will be no more homes for the animals such as the Swift Parrot, Masked Owl and many other animals that live in hollows.



Tree hollows are basically holes in trees. You can find them in any type of trees, but mostly in this area they are gum in trees and yellow box trees.

You sometimes you can't see hollows because they can be very small and high in the trees. If they are lower they are called basal hollows.

How many hollows can you find on the 10 minute track?