

# Get started!

## Become a Wildlife Release Site

### What is a Wildlife Release Site?

- A release site is a location where rehabilitated wildlife can be safely released back to the wild.
- Many wildlife volunteers who care for wildlife at home are not able to release them from their own properties. We need the help of community members who live in suitable areas to provide a safe home for birds, possums and gliders.

### What do I need?

- **A suitable property** is vital when acting as a release site. Such a property would have:
  - good quality and a good variety of native vegetation and food sources to suit the species being released.
  - a secure and accessible location to place a mobile release aviary. The aviary is mounted on a large box trailer and would need to be on site for 5-14 days.
  - no wild or domestic animal issues (e.g. roaming pet dogs or cats, foxes and wild dogs).

### How do I get started?

- Register as a Release Site by emailing [enquiries@wildcare.org.au](mailto:enquiries@wildcare.org.au) and provide information on your property including:
  - the address
  - details of access (to be able to position the release aviary)
  - what species you frequently observe on your property (e.g. Brushtail Possums, Magpies, Rainbow Lorikeets)
  - and your contact details (email and telephone).
- The Wildcare Release Coordinator will then be in touch to discuss which species might be best suited for your property. The Release Coordinator facilitates matching release sites to animals in care.
- A wildlife carer will be responsible for coordinating with you about the placement of the aviary and provide details of the animals requiring release.
- The wildlife carer is responsible for the ongoing care of the animal during the release stage and they will liaise with you about assisting in some of the general care (if required).
- If you are not already a Wildcare member, we encourage you to join to assist our local wildlife in other ways such as becoming a Wildlife Transporter, Rescuer or Carer. You can join online at <https://wildcare.org.au/help-us/join/>.
- If you are acting solely as a Release Site, there is no requirement to be a financial Wildcare member. Being a member though does allow you to attend the Wildcare training workshops for free. Our current Education Calendar is available at <https://wildcare.org.au/education-training/>. You may like to consider getting more involved in the future.

