

# Frog hotels

## Wanted to rent:

Cool, dark, shady bedroom for tree frog. Garden must have fresh water and plants. Safe, clean and quiet neighborhood. Private bathroom. Jumping distance to supermarket or room service. Balcony with a view.



Australian green tree frog



Naked tree frog



Northern laughing tree frog

## Can you help our frogs?

Our amphibian friends face pressures from feral animals and loss of their homes. Gather these supplies to create a safe home for our nocturnal frogs to hide and sleep in during the day in your backyard.

### Materials

- PVC pipes  
(various widths and lengths, minimum height 60cm so cane toads can't get in, you can buy these from pump or hardware stores or use recycled pipes)
- Hand saw to cut the pipes (adults only)
- Waterproof container to put the pipes into
- Small rocks/gravel
- Water plants
- Optional - solar powered lights

### Method

1. Cut the PVC pipes to different lengths, make sure they are at least 60cm otherwise cane toads will move in! Don't worry our frog friends have sticky toes to grip onto the surface of the pipes.
2. Sandpaper the edges of the pipes, we want them smooth so they don't hurt our frogs!
3. Stand the pipes upright in a waterproof container such as a bowl or tub.
4. Place some of the small rocks/gravel around the pipes to help the pipes stand up on their own.
5. Add your water plants.
6. Fill the rest of the bowl with gravel and rocks.

7. Pour water into the bowl and some into the pipes.
8. Position the hotel in a shady spot safe from pets.
9. Wait for your froggy guests to check in to their new hotel!

### Tips

- Take your hotel to resort level by adding a solar light in or next to the frog hotel to attract moths and insects for frogs to snack on.
- Check the water level every few days and top up as needed.
- You can keep the lengths of your PVC pipes smaller by placing the hotel 60cm off the ground to avoid cane toads.
- Make sure the native plants you use love being in the wet, check with your nursery if you're not sure.
- You can also place your PVC pipes directly into the ground, make sure they are at least 15cm into the soil to keep them stable and create a dark moist environment.
- Periodically change the water in the frog hotel to prevent water stagnation and encouraging mosquitoes to breed. It is best to do this at night when the frogs are all out hunting to prevent disturbing them.
- Be patient it may take a while before frogs move in!

**In Queensland we have the most frog species of any state - 132 to be exact. 30 of these are listed as endangered or vulnerable to extinction.**