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~~The Adelaide Nest Box Program~~

~~Natural Homes Surveying~~

Wildlife Home ~~Surveying~~ Monitoring protocol.

~~People~~: Installing Nest Boxes ~~is one way of sup~~ can contribute to supporting Biodiversity. The dangers of relying on nest boxes as a one-for-one replacement of removed natural hollows is well documented and outlined (e.g by Lindenmayer in various studies).

But a great many nest boxes ~~can~~ must be put up each year simply or improve the ~~situation~~ habitability of a landscape for wildlife. Small scale installations ~~could make up a~~ add up to a decent number of ~~nest boxes~~ these. Nest boxes are ~~put made~~ ~~put up~~ installed by landcare groups, friends groups, local councils, ~~not~~ schools, ~~private citizens, NGOs and~~ NGOs and ~~private members~~ citizens making installations on private property. ~~Many of these installations are to~~ or to educate or delight.

All of these nest boxes require resources to ~~put up~~ build and install. Each one has a 'footprint' and takes time and effort. The cumulative ~~effort by assorted small groups is probably very large, the potential benefit~~ of nest boxes put up by small groups ~~must be very low~~ is probably very large; but so is ~~the off~~ are the resources & effort. After installation, ~~nest boxes are subject to the~~ effectiveness of nest boxes ~~is subject to the~~ ~~should~~ needs to be considered in light of the findings from previous studies. Nest-box ~~collapse and~~ detachement and damage, low rates of uptake, or uptake by non-~~target~~ species should all be considered.

Some nest boxes are monitored formally, and others are not. ~~For one thing~~ Basic information:... It is indeed a lot of effort to come up with a monitoring protocol for three nest-boxes installed as part of an educational demonstration that already strained volunteer resources. And when one has the information, what then? Can it be compared to other groups' outcomes? Having a best practice protocol available to people could help to overcome these challenges. To my knowledge, there is not one in place for the Adelaide region that can be used ~~in~~ from Government through to private installations. There is very likely some citizen science ~~efforts~~ programs that have some kind of protocol. However, I have already ~~put some~~ given some thought to a monitoring protocol, and want to put these ideas into writing so they can be shared and compared to other systems.