

# INFO SHEET | TRAPS 1

## NZ Traps Trapinator

TARGET: POSSUMS



### WHAT IT IS

The Trapinator is a tree-mounted trap designed specifically to target possums. It has a spring-set mechanism housed in a white plastic box. The box is screwed onto a tree or post.

### HOW IT WORKS

Possums are enticed to put their head into the box and bite on a bait block. Pulling the bait block triggers its springs to snap the metal bar across the back of the possum's neck, humanely killing it.

### HOW EFFECTIVE IT IS

The Trapinator was designed in Aotearoa to control possums in a quick and humane way. The brief was to make the trap better than any other possum trap on the market, light, durable, portable, effective and easy to use.

It has proven to be very effective and is suitable for low-density possum control or higher density if serviced frequently.

### INSTALLATION

The Trapinator should be mounted on a straight tree or post approximately 1.2 metres above the ground. There should be no branches under the trap for possums or other animals to perch.

### SAFETY

When located and used correctly, the Trapinator is safe to use in the presence of birds and cats.

### LURE

This trap has a bait block that you apply a paste or dough bait to. We prefer 'possum dough' - an aniseed-based lure. If possum dough is unavailable, we use ferafeed.

**WARNING** don't use other types of bait – especially meat (as it can attract cats), fruit (can attract birds) or other human food. We use baits specifically designed to attract only possums.

### DISPOSAL OF CARCASSES

Each carcass must be removed before the trap can be re-baited and set. Trapped possums will be found hanging from the trap.

The disposal of carcasses is carried out within the proximity of the trap, under a tree or bush. This allows the nutrients of the animal to be absorbed back into the ecosystem.



Un-set Trapinator trap



Set Trapinator trap



Open, un-set Trapinator trap

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