



Environmentalists Luise and David Manning with Quentin Rowe of Hollow Log Homes.

Perfect place to nest

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NEW homes went up at the White Rock Spring Mountain Conservation Estate on Friday, but there will be no protests about this development.

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Care was behind the installation of 14 nesting boxes that will be home to boobook owls, pardalotes, owlet nightjar, parrots, treecreeper birds and small mammals, such as micro bats and possums.

Group member Glenn Wilson had previously observed

birdlife competing for suitable nesting hollows in the area.

Group president Luise Manning said 134 species of wildlife in southeast Queensland were identified as dependent on hollows for survival.

"Nesting boxes are a suit-

able artificial measure as they provide shelter from the weather and predators, a secure place to eat and sleep, and safe sites for raising young," Ms Manning said.

The Hollow Log Homes were purchased and installed thanks to an Ipswich City Council grant.