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## Murrumbidgee Rattler

This instrument is a variation on a rasp and lagerphone. Generally, it uses a shorter stick and fewer bottle caps. A rasp is cut in the back of the stick. A second dowel rod is used to stroke the rasp and beat the stick. It can also be bounced on the floor.

### Materials:

A 25mm dowel or tree wood branch, 1100-1400mm (5') long.

A 15mm dowel or branch about 450mm (18') long.

About 25-100 bottle caps and half as many nails.

### Assembly:

- 1 Cut and smooth the dowel or tree wood branch as above. Leave about 150mm (6") at the top as a handle. Mark and cut 12 to 20 "V" shaped notches in a line down the front of the rattler.
- 2 Flatten and remove liners from crown seal bottle caps. Punch a hole in the center of each one as above.
- 3 Position the bottle caps and nail to sides and back of the rattler. You may drill 1mm pilot holes for the nails to prevent the wood from splitting. You may nail an old phone bell or tin cap to the top of the stick.
- 4 Cut and round-off the ends of the 15mm dowel or tree wood branch.

