

THE *GEOCRINIA ROSEA* COMPLEX : TO WHERE DO WE REINTRODUCE THE FROGS?

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Geocrinia alba and *G. vitellina* are two of Australia's most restricted vertebrates, breeding sites of the latter occurring in less than 20ha within a narrow range. The former is more widespread but over 80% of its range is private land. Less than 9km separates the distributions of the two species. Developing awareness by landholders for *G. alba* is a critical first step in its conservation. In the meantime, populations are becoming extinct due to the deterioration or clearing of its riparian breeding sites. Reintroduction programs are required but must focus on rehabilitation of habitat, landholder co-operation and the historic distributions of both species.

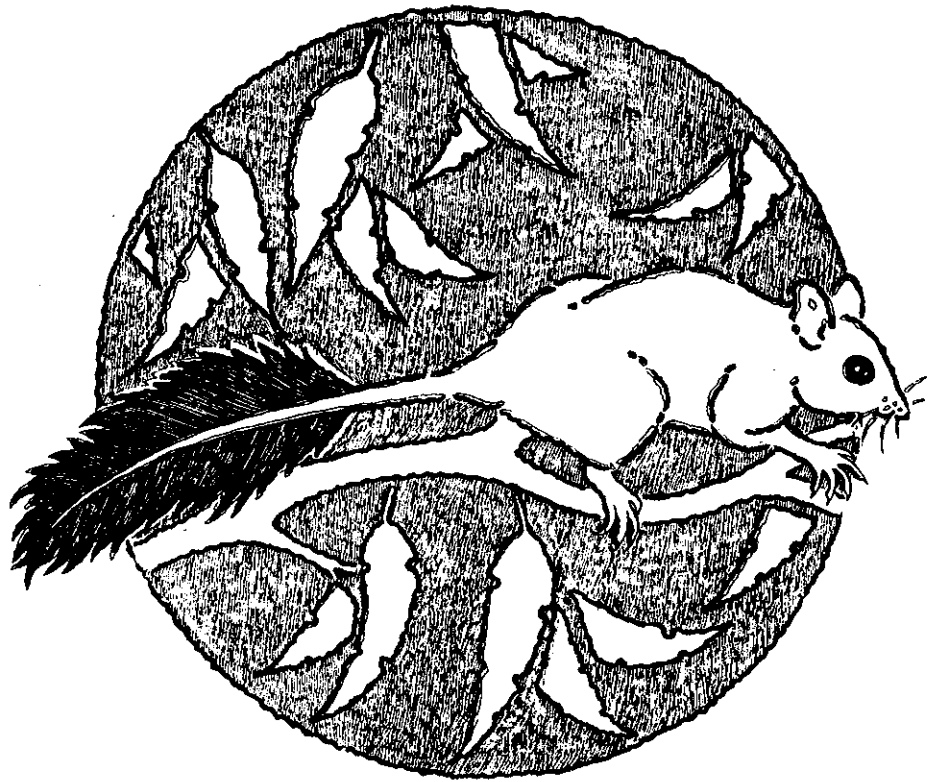
Increasing human activity and the likely spread of feral pigs into its habitat increase the vulnerability of *G. vitellina* and suggest a need for translocation. Defining suitable sites and focussing on historic distribution patterns are critical issues in the translocation of this species.

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