

Chuditch

Australian Wildlife

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Numbat

Chuditch

Wopilkara

Djoongari

Dibbler

Western
Swamp
Tortoise

Camaby's
Cockatoo

Malleefowl

Woma

Fairy Tern

Tasmanian
Devil

Koala

Short-beaked
Echidna

Southern
Hairy-nosed
Wombat

Western
Pebble-mound
Mouse

Other Common Names

Western Quoll

Scientific Name

Dasyurus geoffroii

Conservation Status

Vulnerable (but likely to be
down-listed with success of current
programs)



The nocturnal Chuditch (an Aboriginal name) is Western Australia's largest carnivorous marsupial. It feeds mostly on ground-dwelling insects and other invertebrates but will also eat small lizards, birds and mammals. Its pattern of spots helps to break up its outline in the moonlight. During the day it sleeps in a burrow or hollow log.

Threats

Vulnerable due to loss of habitat through land clearing and predation by feral predators such as foxes and cats. In the past, illegal poisoning and trapping has taken place.

Perth Zoo's Involvement

Perth Zoo has a very successful breeding program which, in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Land Management, has enabled the release of Chuditch into the northern jarrah forest near Perth where they are now into their third generation. Other more recent releases have been near the Stirling Ranges and more arid areas such as Dragon Rocks south of Meridien and Lake Magenta Reserve north of the Fitzgerald River National Park.

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