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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
WILDLIFE  
IS PROTECTED

**— FAUNA —**



Scaly-tailed Possum *Wyulda squamicaudata*

ISSUED BY:-  
**DEPARTMENT  
OF  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**  
108 ADELAIDE TERRACE,  
PERTH,  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## Law Enforcement

To ensure that statutory protection under the Wildlife Conservation Act is afforded to Western Australian wildlife, wildlife officers are stationed at centres throughout the State. These officers report regularly to the Chief Wildlife Officer and his staff at Head Office, Perth.

## Research

On-site research is carried out within reserves throughout the State by Departmental officers, sometimes working in collaboration with CSIRO, Museum and University staff.

Research undertaken by the scientists and technical officers of the Western Australian Wildlife Research Centre at Woodvale, covers several rare and endangered species together with kangaroos, waterfowl, estuarine birds, plant ecology, reserve management, biological surveys of offshore islands and the mainland, and pesticides.

## Game Management

Regulations governing the shooting and trapping of wildlife are strictly enforced. It is the responsibility of would be "hunters" to check these regulations with a Wildlife Officer or Police Officer. The only game which may be taken are ducks and quail in season. The decision as to the opening date of the duck hunting season (if indeed there is a season) is based on sound biological grounds. Game species may only be taken by persons holding an appropriate license.

## Open Seasons

Subject to specific restrictions, open seasons may be declared for certain species, e.g. wild ducks and quail. BEFORE you go shooting, check all the restrictions—some may have changed since your last trip!

## Aviculture

The keeping of birds is strictly controlled. A license is required to keep in captivity any species of fauna whatsoever. There are various categories of license depending on the species to be held. The minimum is a basic license. In addition, aviaries must conform to certain standards set out in the regulations. If you are in any doubt as to the current regulations governing the keeping of birds or other fauna you should contact your local wildlife office.

## Import/Export of Fauna

The import and export of fauna is governed by State and Commonwealth legislation. A booklet giving details of the regulations is available from the Department.

## License Fees

For current information on license fees and other aspects of licensing procedure, please contact any of the Department's offices listed at the back of this booklet.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP . . . . .

- Know and observe the protection laws.
- Notify your local Wildlife Officer of any breach of the law.
- Join a nature conservation society.
- Encourage the establishment of native fauna in your area or school grounds by creating a suitable environment of native plants.
- Encourage the establishment of reserves for wildlife where their all important habitat can be preserved.

## IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

- THE SALE OF **ALL** FAUNA IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT UNDER LICENSE. (THIS INCLUDES THE WHOLE OR ANY PART OF THE SKIN, PLUMAGE, BODY, EGGS AND NESTS.)
- THE KEEPING OF FAUNA IN CAPTIVITY IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT UNDER LICENSE. SICK, INJURED OR DERELICT FAUNA MAY BE CARED FOR BUT MUST BE RELEASED WITHIN THEIR NATURAL RANGE AFTER THEY RECOVER.
- IT IS ILLEGAL TO CAPTURE AND/OR SELL ANY **IMMATURE** NATIVE FAUNA WHATSOEVER.

## Kangaroos

- IT IS ILLEGAL TO SHOOT KANGAROOS ANYWHERE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA EXCEPT UNDER A PROPERTY DAMAGE LICENSE OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSE. THE DEPARTMENT'S KANGAROO MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1971 TO CONSERVE THE ANIMALS IN THIS STATE AND INCORPORATES THE LICENSES MENTIONED ABOVE.

## The Sale of Baby Parrots and Other Native Birds

- SOME PEOPLE CLAIM THEY WERE NOT AWARE THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE PART IN ANY DEALING IN IMMATURE BIRDS.

THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS STATE THAT A PERSON SHALL NOT SELL OR TAKE OR OFFER TO BUY OR SELL OR CONSIGN FOR THE PURPOSES OF AVICULTURE ANY YOUNG FAUNA NOT FULLY FLEDGED OR NOT ABLE TO STAND OR NOT ABLE TO FEED UNAIDED. IN ANY CASE, ALL AUSTRALIAN BIRDS ARE PROTECTED.

## UNPROTECTED FAUNA

The species listed below are not protected throughout the state. However please note that they may not be taken in nature reserves and national parks without the permission of the vesting authority nor may they be kept in captivity without specific approval from the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

### Mammals

Wild Dog (Dingo)—*Canis familiaris dingo*

### Reptiles

Common Death Adder—*Acanthophis antarcticus*  
Desert Death Adder—*Acanthophis pyrrhus*  
Northern Death Adder—*Acanthophis praelongus*  
Black Whip Snake—*Demansia atra*  
Spotted-headed Snake—*Demansia olivacea*  
Papuan Whip Snake—*Demansia papuensis*  
Green Whip Snake—*Demansia reticulata*  
Northern Whip Snake—*Demansia simplex*  
Bardick—*Brachyaspis curta*

### Reptiles

Salt-water Crocodile—*Crocodylus porosus*  
Fresh-water Crocodile—*Crocodylus johnstoni*  
Western Swamp (Short-necked) Tortoise—*Pseudemadura umbrina*  
Leathery Turtle—*Dermochelys coriacea*  
Lancelin Island Skink—*Ctenotus lanceolini*  
Lined Skink—*Lerista lineata*  
Carpet Snake—*Python spilotos*

### Amphibians

Round Frog—*Arenophryne rotunda*

### Mammals

Barrow Island Euro—*Macropus robustus isabellinus*  
Crescent Nail-tailed Wallaby—*Onychogalea lunata*  
Spectacled Hare-Wallaby—*Lagorchestes conspicillatus*  
Western Hare-Wallaby—*Lagorchestes hirsutus*  
Banded Hare-Wallaby—*Lagostrophus fasciatus*  
Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby—*Petrogale penicillata*  
Woolie—*Bettongia penicillata*  
Boodie—*Bettongia lesueur*  
Broad-faced Potoroo—*Potorous platyops*  
Gilbert's Potoroo—*Potorous tridactylus gilberti*  
Rock-haunting Ringtail—*Petropseudes dahli*  
Marl—*Perameles bougainville*  
Pig-footed Bandicoot—*Chaeropus ecaudatus*  
Dalgyite—*Macrotis lagotis*  
Rusty Numbat—*Myrmecobius fasciatus rufus*  
Dibbler—*Antechinus apicalis*  
Long-tailed Dunnart—*Sminthopsis longicaudata*  
Ingram's Planigale—*Planigale ingrami*  
Pygmy Marsupial-Mouse—*Planigale maculata*  
Big-eared Hopping-Mouse—*Notomys megalotis*  
Long-tailed Hopping-Mouse—*Notomys longicaudatus*  
Dusky Hopping-Mouse—*Notomys fuscus*  
Stick-Nest Rat—*Leporillus conditor*  
White-tipped Stick-Nest Rat—*Leporillus apicalis*  
Shark Bay Mouse—*Pseudomys praeconis*  
Gould's Native Mouse—*Pseudomys gouldii*  
Shortridge's Native Mouse—*Pseudomys shortridgei*  
Dugong—*Dugong dugon*

NOTE: The fauna listed above becomes wholly protected throughout the whole of the State at all times, and any person who infringes that protection is liable to a penalty of \$1 000.

DISTRICT OFFICES:—

**Metropolitan**

108 Adelaide Terrace, Perth  
Tel. (09) 325 5988

**Albany**

Stirling Terrace, Albany  
Tel. (098) 41 4811

**Broome**

Hamersley Street, Broome  
Tel. 92 1121

**Bunbury**

Stirling Street, Bunbury  
Tel. (097) 21 2598

**Busselton**

12 Queen Street, Busselton  
Tel. (097) 52 2152

**Carnarvon**

Fishing Boat Harbour, Carnarvon  
Tel. (099) 41 1185

**Dongara**

Carnarvon Street, Port Denison  
Tel. (099) 27 1187

**Esperance**

Wallaceway Centre, Esperance  
Tel. (090) 71 1839

**Fremantle**

Collie Street, Fremantle  
Tel. (09) 335 6369 or 335 3405

**Geraldton**

Fisherman's Wharf, Geraldton  
Tel. (099) 21 3510

**Jurien Bay**

Bashford Street, Jurien Bay  
Tel. (095) 48 1048

**Kalgoorlie**

Maritana House, Boulder Road  
Tel. (090) 21 4148

“WILDLIFE” includes:—

- (a) **flora:** all our native Western Australian plants (including any wildflower, palm, shrub, tree, fern, creeper or vine) and any plant which has been declared to be “Flora” within the meaning of the Wildlife Conservation Act; and
- (b) **fauna:** for the purpose of this booklet “Fauna” means all native Australian and migratory animals—birds, mammals, frogs and reptiles plus others which have been declared to be “Fauna” within the meaning of the Wildlife Conservation Act. It also includes in relation to any such animal—the eggs, larvae, semen, carcass, skin, plumage or fur thereof.

NOTE: This leaflet deals only with fauna regulations. A separate leaflet covering flora legislation is available from the Department.

## HOW WILDLIFE IS CONSERVED IN W.A. . . . . .

### W.A. Wildlife Authority

This body controls all of the nature reserves in the State and may advise the Department on any matter relating to wildlife conservation.

### Nature Reserves

Islands, lakes, seashores, and areas of bushland large enough to allow plants and animals to live naturally have been set aside in different parts of the State. These nature reserves—and national parks—are the most important means of conserving our wildlife. Advice on the management of nature reserves is the responsibility of a section of scientific officers within the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

### Protection

All Australian fauna except those mentioned in the **unprotected list** in this booklet, are fully protected by law. They must not be molested or harmed in any way. Species scheduled in the “Rare and Endangered List” have additional protection.

## RARE AND ENDANGERED FAUNA

Severe penalties exist to ensure that the laws governing the protection of our native fauna are observed. Certain species are given additional protection because they are considered to be rare, likely to become extinct or in need of special protection. At December, 1981 these were:—

### Birds

Red-tailed Tropic bird—*Phaethon rubricauda*  
White (Mute) Swan—*Cygnus olor*  
Freckled Duck—*Stictonetta naevosa*  
Cape Barren Goose—*Cereopsis novaehollandiae*  
Burdekin Duck—*Tadorna radjah*  
Crested Hawk—*Aviceda subcristata*  
Red Goshawk—*Accipiter radiatus*  
Peregrine Falcon—*Falco peregrinus*  
Grey Falcon—*Falco hypoleucos*  
Scrub Fowl—*Megapodius freycinet*  
Lesser Noddy—*Anous tenuirostris*  
Red-crowned Pigeon—*Ptilinopus regina*  
Green-winged Pigeon—*Chalcophaps indica*  
Partridge Pigeon—*Geophaps smithii*  
Mangrove Kingfisher—*Halcyon chloris*  
Alexandra (Princess) Parrot—*Polytelis alexandrae*  
Naretha Bluebonnet—*Psephotus haematogaster narethae*  
Ground Parrot—*Pezoporus wallicus*  
Night Parrot—*Goepsittacus occidentalis*  
Grass Owl—*Tyto longimembris*  
Rufous Owl—*Ninox rufa*  
Noisy Scrub-bird—*Atrichornis clamosus*  
Cicadabird—*Coracina tenuirostris*  
Western Whip-bird—*Psophodes nigrogularis*  
Purple-crowned Wren—*Malurus coronatus*  
Thick-billed Grass-Wren—*Amytornis textilis*  
Rufous Bristle-bird—*Dasyornis broadbenti*  
Brown Bristle-bird—*Dasyornis brachypterus*  
Lemon-breasted Flycatcher—*Microeca flavigaster*  
White-browed (Buff-sided) Robin—*Poecilodryas superciliosa*  
Rufous Fantail—*Rhipidura rufifrons*  
Shrike-Tit—*Falcunculus frontatus*  
Red-eared Firetail—*Emblema oculata*  
Yellow-rumped Finch—*Lonchura flaviprymna*  
Major Mitchell—*Cacatua leadbeateri*

Tiger Snake—*Notechis scutatus*  
Taipan—*Oxyuranus scutellatus*  
Mulga (or King Brown Snake)—*Pseudechis australis*  
Dugite—*Pseudonaja affinis*  
Gwardar—*Pseudonaja nuchalis*  
Five-ringed Snake—*Pseudonaja modesta*  
Eastern Brown Snake—*Pseudonaja textilis*  
All Sea Snakes of the family Hydrophiidae

### Invertebrates

All invertebrates, except two species declared protected in the section following.

### PROTECTED FAUNA

In Western Australia, all Australian fauna (except for that small schedule of fauna listed under the section "Unprotected Fauna") is fully protected.

Because of the possibility of damage caused by certain species, various open seasons have been declared in different parts of the State. This fauna may only be taken on private land by the owner, occupier or his approved agent after a damage license has been issued by the Department.

Two species of invertebrates have also been declared "Protected Fauna"—jewel beetles of the family *Buprestidae* and ants of the genus known as *Nothomyrmecia*.

Non-indigenous fauna also declared protected—white (mute) swan *Cygnus olor* and Peafowl and pheasants of the genera *Pavo* and *Phasianus* respectively on Rottnest Island.

### ENQUIRIES

For further information write, call or telephone the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife:—

HEAD OFFICE:—

108 Adelaide Terrace, Perth  
Tel. (09) 325 5988

Australian Bustard



OUR  
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FOR . . . .

**Its own right to live**

Man, as the dominant living creature on earth, has a responsibility to look after other living things; especially when he makes so many drastic changes to the environment.

**Economy**

Many plants are used in horticulture or for floral art. Many animals help to destroy pests. Our unique wildlife attracts many overseas and Australian tourists.

**Recreation**

Our wildlife provides endless scope for photographers, bushwalkers, campers, picnickers, nature lovers, gardeners and fishermen.

**Aesthetics**

The beauty of our wildlife has inspired many world famous poems, paintings, songs and literary works which have become part of our Australian way of life.

**Education**

The study of science in schools begins with Nature Study. Scientists need plants and animals in their natural state to help solve many problems—including those affecting agriculture.

**Karratha**

Welcome Road, Karratha  
Tel. (091) 85 1427

**Lancelin**

Gingin Road, Lancelin  
Tel. (095) 78 1111

**Mandurah**

15 Leslie Street, Mandurah  
Tel. (095) 35 1240

**Manjimup**

C/o Agriculture Department, Rose Street  
Tel. (097) 71 1299

**Moora**

Padbury Street, Moora  
Tel. (095) 41 1055

**Mt Magnet**

Hepburn Street, Mt Magnet  
Tel. 96

**Pingelly**

Park Street, Pingelly  
Tel. 273

**Shark Bay**

Knight Terrace, Denham  
Tel. (099) 48 1210

**Waroona**

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Tel. (095) 33 1331

**Wongan Hills**

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**Wyndham**

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