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The Chuditch



Department of Conservation & Land Management

Distribution of chuditch (western native-cat) in southern Western Australia

The Chuditch, *Dasyurus geoffroii*, was once extensively distributed across Australia, but is now restricted to the southern part of W.A. Densest populations occur in the jarrah forest, although recent sightings in the southern Wheatbelt and mallee woodland suggest that there are small populations elsewhere. Populations may also exist in other forested areas of the South-West. To help protect this rare marsupial the Department of Conservation and Land Management needs more information on its present distribution.

The public are asked to report any sightings of live Chuditch or road kills to **Keith Morris at CALM's Wildlife Research Centre, (09) 405 5100, or the ecologist at the nearest CALM regional office.**

The information required is:

1. Location (as precisely as possible)
2. Time
3. Date
4. Activity of animal (if alive)
5. Sex (if examination of road kill is possible)

If possible, specimens of fresh road kills would also be appreciated. These are best frozen as quickly as possible until a pick-up by CALM staff can be arranged.

Thank you for your assistance.



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