

NUTTY WOYLIE

A youngster of one of Western Australia's rare nocturnal mammals - the woylie - is being handraised on the south coast at an Albany wildlife shelter.

The tiny woylie was found on the side of the road where its mother had been killed by a car near Lake Muir Nature Reserve, south-east of Manjimup.

Following a telephone call to Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) wildlife officer Peter Collins, the month-old woylie was taken to the shelter, where it has developed a liking for walnuts, cauliflower, mushrooms and apples. Shelter owner Eunice Daubert named the woylie Thumbelina.

Woylies were once widespread in WA, but are now largely confined to South West



forests and woodlands. Like many other small mammals their principal enemy is the introduced European fox. A Woylie Recovery Plan is currently being developed. It is hoped to bring the species back from the brink of extinction over a five-year period.

Recovery plans are also being written for the tamar,

rock-wallaby, Shark Bay mouse, chuditch, two species of frog and four species of rare flora.

CALM has received a grant from the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service to write the plans.

In Collie, an extensive fauna trapping program being carried out by CALM is showing that woylies are

Thumbelina, the orphan woylie from near Lake Muir, is being cared for at Albany.

Photo - Tanyia Maxted

prevalent in an area of State forest into which they were translocated from the Perup Forest several years ago.

As well as woylies, the program has located populations of chuditches and possums in the State forest.



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The WA Museum is 100 years old. It houses a staggering four million specimens of insects, marine animals, fish, birds, reptiles and frogs. Page 22.



Seven species of microscopic dieback-disease fungi are attacking WA's unique wildflowers. See page 28.



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