

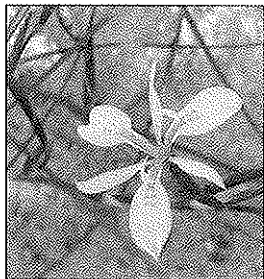
# RABBITSCAN

To coincide with the 150th anniversary of the wild rabbit being introduced into Australia, the national Rabbit Management Advisory Group has requested assistance from around Australia with the implementation of their new initiative – RabbitScan.

RabbitScan is a nation-wide challenge for community and schools to help scientists map where rabbits are, by asking people to ‘scan’ their landscape (school, farm, parkland, roadside reserves, ovals etc.) for signs of rabbits and their damage, and to register and load their results online. Registration is available now and results can be loaded from the beginning of RabbitScan Month in May 2009.

It is important for planning, implementing and assessing the effectiveness of management of invasive species over time that land managers and government authorities have up to date information on the distribution and abundance of rabbits within Australia. It is also very important to record where rabbits are *not* found to understand the full extent of their distribution and factors that may influence this.

For background and further information on RabbitScan and to register, please refer to the RabbitScan web site at [www.rabbitscan.net.au](http://www.rabbitscan.net.au) or go to the link on the DEC website at [www.dec.wa.gov.au/animals/rabbits/index.html](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/animals/rabbits/index.html)



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