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Picture: The Red-tailed Phascogale is a carnivorous marsupial that lives off insects, spiders and small birds. Measuring 10cm in the body and weighing just 60g (about the weight of a chicken egg), it moves at blink-and-you-miss-it speeds, leaping up to two metres in a single bound. | Credit Jeroen van Veen

Native fauna conservation grants

Several projects supporting conservation of native animals will benefit from recent Lotterywest grants.

In the Kimberley, planned surveillance work led by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and partners will be helped by a $2.2 million grant. Indigenous rangers will use sensor cameras to search for one of the State's rarest marsupials, the spectacled hare-wallaby. Named for its distinctive orange fur surrounding each eye, the spectacled hare-wallaby was once feared to be locally extinct

before it was rediscovered near Broome in 2014 by WWF-Australia and Yawuru Country managers.

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Feral cat working group formed

Picture: Feral cats are having a disastrous impact on birds, small native mammals and reptiles | Credit: Dr Judy Dunlop DBCA

Driving a unified approach to the control of feral cats across Western Australia is the focus for a recently established Feral Cat Working Group. The aim is to make information on feral cat management easily available to facilitate a collaborative approach. The Group will also help guide the implementation of a new research program entitled "Increasing knowledge to mitigate cat impacts on biodiversity" led by the Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute.

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Inspirational support for our migratory shorebirds

Picture: Kate Gorringe-Smith, 2019, Altona Stint, Linocut on ecoprint, 28 x 28 cm

Each year, millions of shorebirds fly to Australia and New Zealand from their breeding grounds in the tundra of Russia and Alaska. After six months resting on our warmer shores and building up their bodyweight, they head north again to take advantage of the brief but bountiful Arctic summer to mate, lay eggs and hatch their young.

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Mind and body benefit from two-hour dose of nature

Picture: Bushwalking on the Bibbulmun Track | Credit: Pemberton Visitor Centre

Recent research suggests that spending two-hours a week in nature significantly boosts health and wellbeing, even if you just sit and enjoy the peace.

Although the physical and mental health benefits of time spent in the outdoors e.g. parks, beaches, woodlands are well known, the new research published in the prestigious scientific journal, Nature, is the first major study into how much time is needed to produce these effects.

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Opera with feathers

German sound design company ShakeUp has created a wonderfully cheerful version of the "Papageno and Papagena" duet from the Mozart opera, The Magic Flute using the chirps, hoots and tweets from a forest full of various different birds.

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Virtual travelling experiences on offer

Although Covid 19 virus restrictions rule out touring Western Australia just now, Tourism WA has compiled a great list of opportunities to sample the natural wonders of our State without leaving home.

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Buccaneer Archipelago – a marine wonder

Picture: Buccaneer Archipelago | Credit: Kimberley Boat Cruises

The Kimberley's Buccaneer Archipelago, offshore from the mouth of the Fitzroy River in King Sound, is dominated by the second largest tides in the world and contains a highly diverse array of coral lagoons, seagrass meadows, sponge gardens and deep-water canyons.

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