

Have you seen me?

The Community Wildlife Survey reopened in 2020



What do you know about wildlife in your local area? Share your sightings and knowledge to help scientists understand more about wildlife in New South Wales.

Whether you saw a kangaroo on your way to school, a wombat while out working, or a koala while on holiday, every sighting contributes to research to help understand where these animals are living and how their populations are faring in New South Wales.

The Community Wildlife Survey is reopening so we can collect more data on wildlife and gather information about the impacts of the 2019–20 bushfires on local wildlife.

The information you give will build on findings from earlier community surveys, allowing us to compare wildlife populations in 2006 and 2019–21.

This information will help us decide the priority sites for action as part of the NSW Government's Koala Strategy. It will also provide us with vital information on where wildlife has been affected by fire and where there are still wildlife populations within and near fire grounds.

We value your knowledge about the wildlife in your local area, including your understanding about whether the number of animals is increasing, decreasing or staying the same. For koalas, we ask your opinion about their health, whether they have young, and the threats they are facing. This survey is a way to gather and synthesise the community's knowledge in a consistent and robust manner.



About the survey

The survey only takes 20 to 30 minutes to complete. Access the new wildlife survey here: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/wildlife-survey

We would like to know where you have seen any of these 10 animals in the last two years:

- koala
- brushtail possum
- platypus
- wombat
- echidna
- spotted-tailed quoll
- kangaroo/wallaby (any species)
- wild dog/dingoes
- fox
- deer

These species were chosen because they are under threat (e.g. koala), or are a threat to other wildlife (e.g. fox), or are species that are seen more often and so allow scientists to make accurate assessments of changes in their populations.

The survey is being funded as part of the \$44.7 million NSW Koala Strategy, that is helping to secure the future of koalas in the wild.

Why it's important to get involved

The information that you contribute will complement data collected by scientists undertaking field-based surveys. This collective effort greatly benefits our understanding of NSW wildlife.

The more people in different parts of the State who contribute, the better. The strength of the survey lies in the combined response of many participants.

During the 2006 survey, 16,000 people contributed and so far, 2170 people have contributed data for the 2019–21 survey.

Please complete the survey and forward the survey to your friends who may also have information to share. Completing the survey will help to build knowledge about wildlife in your local area and across New South Wales.

Help scientists understand more about where NSW wildlife are living, their health and threats to their habitat.

Share your knowledge by searching 'Community Wildlife Survey' or visiting environment.nsw.gov.au/wildlife-survey

Cover photo: Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*), Dan Lunney/DPIE;

Above left to right: Eastern grey kangaroo (*Macropus giganteus*), John Spencer/DPIE; Common wombat (*Vombatus ursinus*), Vanessa Duncan; Common brushtail possum (*Trichosurus vulpecula*), Ken Stepnell/DPIE

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