

Who's Who in the Wildlife sector in Tasmania?



Tasmania is lucky to have a passionate community of people and organisations working together to help our native wildlife. But it can get a bit confusing knowing who does what — so here's a quick guide:



WNT - The peak body supporting wildlife volunteers across the state, through training, capacity building, and strengthening the sector to ensure the best outcomes for wildlife. Guided by a passionate volunteer board, committed to improving care for both wildlife and the carers who look after them.



NRE Tasmania (Department of Natural Resources and Environment) – The government body responsible for wildlife permits, regulations & wildlife policy. Carers must be registered with NRE to legally care for native wildlife.



Bonorong – A privately run wildlife sanctuary. Bonorong run the state's 24/7 wildlife rescue hotline 0447 264 625 and coordinate emergency responses with a team of volunteer rescuers through the XMatters app.



WIRES (Tas) – WIRES coordinates the placement of rescued native wildlife into the care of NRE-registered wildlife carers through the XMatters app. WIRES also run the 'Food for wildlife Program' open to all registered wildlife carers, as well as other various funding grants.



ARC (Animal Rescue Cooperative) – A national organisation that helps by supplying donated pet food, crafted pouches, and basic first aid equipment to registered wildlife carers and rescuers in Tasmania.



Wildcare Tasmania – A membership-based group supporting conservation projects across the state, including some funding grants for wildlife carers.

It's a collaborative puzzle — and each group plays a vital part.

Whether you're a wildlife carer, thinking about becoming one, or simply want to support the people doing this work, understanding how these organisations connect helps make sense of Tasmania's unique and passionate wildlife care community.

♥ **Together, we're stronger for wildlife**



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Tasmania's Wildlife at a Glance



Eastern Quoll (*Dasyurus viverrinus*)

Spotted nocturnal carnivore marsupial, excellent for natural pest control. Sadly endangered on the mainland.



Rakali (Water Rat) (*Hydromys chrysogaster*)

Semi-aquatic native rodent with sleek dark fur, white-tipped tail, and webbed hind feet. An important predator in freshwater ecosystems



Tasmanian Pademelon (*Thylogale billardierii*)

Small endemic wallaby found across Tasmania. Most active at dusk and dawn. Roadkill and dog attacks are major threat



Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*)

Our native duck — at risk from hybridisation with feral mallards



Short-beaked Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*)

An egg laying solitary mammal with a beak that is active in warmer months



Feral Cat (*Felis catus*)

Top threat to native wildlife due to predation and toxoplasmosis. Keep pet cats indoors and support trapping programs for ferals