



Feral Animal Control

What can you do?

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Contribute to Collection of Data



- Good monitoring and data is critical
- There are many ways the public can be involved in science and data collection, including:
 - Feralcatscan
<http://www.feralscan.org.au/feralcatscan/>
 - MyPestGuide
 - Collect photos or specimen and send to DAFWA or WA Museum for identification
 - Contributing to specific research projects (citizen science or research)



Feral Cat Scan

Feral Pig Scan

LOG IN REGISTER Search GO

You are Here **FeralPigScan**

FERAL PIG SCAN

COMMUNITY MAPPING
WHERE YOU HELP MAP FERAL ANIMALS
AND THE DAMAGE THEY CAUSE
A LANDHOLDER, COMMUNITY, INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT
& BUSINESS COLLABORATION

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Record feral pig activity in FeralPigScan

How to use FeralPigScan in 2016

FeralPigScan is a community website that allows you to record and map sightings of feral pigs, damage, and control activities in your local area. Use data recorded in your region to help decide where to undertake control, and coordinate with your neighbours.

1. Register your details.
2. Start mapping pigs
3. Find out more.

START MAPPING HERE

ENTER HERE

National Mapping Results

State	Number of sites
ACT	14
NSW	436
NT	6
QLD	233
SA	9
TAS	0
VIC	74
WA	62

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Atlas of Living Australia

Search for projects here Search Filter

Citizen Science – Atlas of Living Australia

Citizen Science Project Finder

Found 214 projects.



ACT & Southern Tablelands Weedspotter

Started 2.0 years ago ACT Government

The aim of this project is to involve community members in the early detection and reporting of weeds so that ACT government and NSW council weeds officers can respond quickly to minimise the potential spread of problem weeds.

Website Mobile Apps

TAGS: Do It Yourself (DIY) No Cost Difficulty: Medium

This project is contributing data to the Atlas of Living Australia.



PROJECT
ONGOING

Start date: 31 May, 2014



ACT Centenary BioBlitz

Started 2.6 years ago Molonglo Catchment Group

The aim of the project was to: 1. Enhance public understanding and appreciation of the flora and fauna on Black Mountain.

PROJECT
ENDED




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- What to record – where to send it
 - Photo is ideal
 - GPS location or address as accurate as possible
 - What the animal is doing (what is it eating, where is it going, what does it look like, size etc)
 - Your name, date and contact details
 - For feral animals the best place to send the information:
 - Feral cat or pig scan websites.
 - DAFWA through MyPestGuide if related to agriculture.
 - Local Council or specific research project.






Feral animal control – what can you do legally?

- Feral **pigs** and **rabbits** are **declared pests** so there is a legal defence for killing them under the *Animal Welfare Act*, so long as the animals are killed in a humane way and through reasonable and accepted methods
- Feral **cats** are **not declared**, therefore the destruction of a feral cat is a bit of a grey area
- Generally a community based organisation (like PHCC) would require DAFWA, DPaW and RSPCA approval for a feral cat control project, with strict guidelines and approval requirements.





Feral animal control – what can you do legally?

- For individuals we suggest being very careful. If you choose to destroy a cat, you must ensure that it does not suffer any harm that could be alleviated by the taking of reasonable steps
- We recommend you contact your Local Government rangers, or call a licenced contractor or DAFWA for advice before undertaking control any animal control
- Be aware that permits are needed before baiting or poisoning





Feral animal control – what can you do legally?

Suggested resources for control options

Rabbits

https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/baits-poisons/rabbit-control-options?page=0%2C0#smartpaging_toc_p0_s1_h3

Feral pigs

<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/mechanical-physical-and-cultural/feral-pig-control-trapping>

Otherwise please feel free to talk to our speakers tonight.





Community Education

- The best way to influence change is through an informed community
- You can do your bit to convince your neighbour or workmate that letting their cats out at night is not good for our local wildlife
- Some facts that may help you to be more convincing:
 - The federal Department of the Environment tells us that feral cats are the single biggest threat to Australia's native mammals
 - Feral cats are already implicated in the extinctions of more than 20 of our Australian mammals





Community Education

Some facts that may help :

- Feral cats put direct pressure on at least 124 Australian species at risk of extinction
- Feral cats hunt, kill and eat bilbies, numbats, quokkas, quolls, bandicoots, parrots, lizards, frogs and many other endangered animals.
- Legal obligations of the *Cat Act (2011)*. Cats must be registered, tagged, microchipped and sterilised by 6 months of age, or the owners can face up to a \$5,000 fine.

Cat Act 2011

An Act to —

- provide for the control and management of cats; and
- promote and encourage the responsible ownership of cats, and for related matters.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:



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Thank you for your time today!

Please ask me about future events in this space, or potential programs the PHCC can be involved in

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