

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



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Red-tailed Phascogale Nest Box Installation

Four new red-tailed phascogale nest boxes have been recently installed in the Hotham-Williams sub-catchment. The threatened Red-tailed phascogales are a small carnivorous marsupial that inhabit Wandoo (*Eucalyptus wandoo*) and Sheoak (*Allocasuarina huegeliana*) woodlands. They were formally widespread throughout much of semi-arid and arid Australia but are now restricted to several isolated nature reserves in the south-west of Western Australia, including Dryandra Woodland, as well as remnant vegetation on private property.¹

Red-tailed phascogales generally nest in the hollow limbs of wandoo trees, the nest boxes installed were made by Wandering Primary School students and provide a safe place for the phascogales to nest and raise their young in places where natural hollows may be limited. The four nest boxes were installed in a satellite block of Dryandra

woodland, on a small remnant patch of woodland on private property near Cuballing and in the East Yornaning Reserve. This addition means that 8 red-tailed phascogale nest boxes have been installed since 2018 through the Numbat Neighbourhood Project, which is all about working together to protect threatened species.



https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/images/documents/conservation-management/pests-diseases/red-tailed-phascogale_2012.pdf

Landcare Funding Opportunity

Applications Close 31 August 2020

Funding is available for landholders in the Hotham and Williams Rivers Catchment for eligible landcare and bushcare works including:

- Fencing to protect bushland and waterways
- Weed control
- Feral animal control
- Dieback disease management
- Restoration and revegetation (seedlings and seed)
- Wildlife habitat enhancement
- Flora/fauna surveys
- On farm fodder/forage plantings
- Innovative pasture plantings
- Black Cockatoo habitat projects
- Banksia Woodland projects

Interested? Contact us to discuss your project ideas and eligibility against funding priorities

P: 6369 8801 / 0455 166 780 or
E: grants@peel-harvey.org.au

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PHOTO: Birdlife Australia

Black Cockatoos...

Do you have black cockatoos hanging out in your patch? We would love to hear from you!

In the Peel-Harvey catchment we are frequented by 3 species of black cockatoo, the Forest Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo (with distinguished red tail feathers), and 2 species of white-tailed black cockatoo, the Baudin's cockatoo and the Carnaby's cockatoo. All 3 species are threatened (the whites endangered and the reds vulnerable). To help us protect these beautiful birds we need your help to identify their nesting locations.

If you think you might know where black cockatoos are nesting in tree hollows within the Peel-Harvey, please contact Megan on 6369 8800 or email megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au. If you are a landholder near a nesting site, you may be eligible for financial assistance to improve and maintain habitat.

Wanted ...Do you have a Dryandra Woodland Linkage Project you would like assistance with? We'd love to hear from you! Contact Mel Durack or Christine Townsend on 6369 8801 or 0455 166 780

Coming Up...

- Completion visits for 2019/2020 landholders grants
- Expressions of interest for 2020/2021 landcare funding

Do you have an NRM event or information you would like us to promote? Please contact Mel Durack at melanie.durack@peel-harvey.org.au or 0455 166 780 or **6369 8801**



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