



Helping wildlife through the drought and bushfires

The ongoing bushfire and drought crisis is having a crippling toll on our community and our wildlife and the natural environment are amongst the worst impacted. We know people want to help these vulnerable members of our communities so here is some advice, contact details and other ways you can assist:

- Please put containers of clean, fresh water in the landscape in the shade with sticks, mesh or rocks to prevent small animals drowning
- Be mindful of domestic pets in wildlife areas - please keep cats indoors (especially at night) and keep dogs under your control
- Watch for animals crossing roads, especially in or near burnt areas
- Put out fruit for native birds, reptiles, bats and other mammals with a high water content (eg watermelon, apples, pears, oranges)
- Install nesting boxes and retain logs and rocks for animal shelter
- Avoid non-essential clearing of burnt and unburnt native vegetation
- Use the FAWNAfood4wildlife initiative - public collection points with free macropod pellets and wild bird seed are set up at Taree, Wingham, Bobin, Nabic, Rainbow Flat, Hallidays Point, Old Bar and Manning Point. Instructions are at the collection points.



Important contact details for the appropriate wildlife agencies, should you come across sick or injured wildlife:

Koalas - Please report all koala sightings in or near burnt areas, to Koalas in Care 6552 2183.

Turtles - Record the location, take a photograph and call Andrew Steed of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 6659 8276.

Platypus - Stressed or injured platypus should be reported to MidCoast Council on 6591 7243.

Fish Kill - Please report fish kills, along with the location and species affected to the Department of Primary Industries on 1800 043 536.

Other native animals - Injured, stressed or at risk native animals should be captured if possible and reported to FAWNA 24hrs on 6581 4141.