

Did you know?

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Each pet cat allowed to roam (even part of the day or night) kills on average 115 native mammals, birds and reptiles each year. Several cases have been recorded of a single pet cat wiping out a native species in a local area.

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Cats can travel long distances. Tracking found one male feral cat regularly travelled between 'The Neck' and Dennes Point. Four pet cats in rural Tasmania regularly roamed an average of three hectares.

MAP OF BRUNY ISLAND

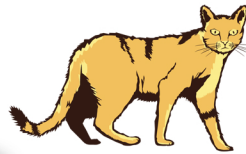


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HELP US FIND FERAL CATS ON BRUNY!

Record all sightings of feral cats on Bruny Island via FeralCatScan. Visit www.feralcatscan.org.au to report sightings of feral cats, or download the smart phone App.



Android QR code for Google Play



Apple QR code for App Store

Scan the QR code to get the app!

ALTERNATIVELY, TO REPORT A CAT, CONTACT KINGBOROUGH COUNCIL - take notes of your location and description of cat.

FOR ALL CAT ENQUIRIES

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CATS ON BRUNY ISLAND

HOW CAT MANAGEMENT IS SAVING OUR WILDLIFE ON BRUNY ISLAND



Bruny Island: a biodiversity hotspot

Bruny Island is one of the only places where you'll see the captivating Eastern Quoll, Long-nosed Potoroo and white wallaby. It is a globally important region for birds. You will find Little Penguins, Short-tailed Shearwaters and Hooded Plovers by the sea; tiny Forty-spotted Pardalotes feeding in white gums; and migratory Swift Parrots breeding in summer.

Feral, stray and free-roaming pet cats are a major problem for Bruny's native wildlife.

When the cat's away the Quolls can play

Worldwide it is estimated that cats on islands have caused 14% of all bird, mammal and reptile extinctions. Island species are particularly at risk because cat populations can flourish and once a native species has vanished, it can be impossible for it to return.



Cat densities at seabird colonies on Bruny are among the highest recorded in Australia



YOU CAN HELP!

If you live on, regularly visit or are travelling to Bruny Island:

- Register your cat with Kingborough Council
- Desex and microchip your cat, and keep it on your property
- Visit without your cat
- Report all cat sightings
- Don't feed stray cats
- Don't abandon a cat - help is available to rehome unwanted or stray cats
- Keep all food waste and animal feeds secure from wildlife



Because of its diverse habitats, Bruny Island is a haven for many rare and threatened species - some of which have severely declined on mainland Tasmania.

Bruny Island biodiversity

Feeding stray cats results in large populations of unowned and feral cats. Assistance is available to trap stray cats on private property. Contact Kingborough Council for information and advice.

Bruny Island Cat By-Law

All cats that live on or regularly visit Bruny must be registered with Kingborough Council; desexed and microchipped; and stay on their owners' property. There is also a limit of two cats per household without a permit and it is illegal to feed stray cats.



Your home & garden is the safest place for your cat.

Cat Facility on Bruny Island

The Cat Facility at Alannah provides a place for the community to bring cats that need a new home or trapped stray cats. At the Facility, cats are cared for, assessed and either reunited with their owner, or if possible, rehomed by the Ten Lives Cat Centre.

