



## BUSH HERITAGE AUSTRALIA

### MAMMAL MAYDAY

#### Bush Heritage declares conservation emergency for five disappearing species

National conservation not-for-profit Bush Heritage Australia has called for greater protection of five key mammals across nearly 60,000 hectares of prime habitat in central Queensland.

The Bridled Nailtail Wallaby, Northern Brown Bandicoot, Koala, Greater Glider and Northern Quoll have all been impacted by invasive species and habitat loss in recent years and Bush Heritage is stepping in to protect them at Carnarvon Station and Goonderoo Reserves.

With more than 900 native species threatened with extinction in Queensland, Bush Heritage is determined to protect these five iconic and vulnerable mammals for future generations.

**Hi-res pics of these species and the reserves they call home can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2A4H9wO>**

Carnarvon and Goonderoo, which Bush Heritage owns and manages, sit in the Brigalow Belt bioregion, one of Australia's most significant biodiversity hotspots that provides habitat to countless endemic plant and animal species.

Sadly, the Brigalow Belt has suffered extensive clearing, with only 6% of its former range remaining. Of that, only 2% is protected

for conservation through nature refuges like Carnarvon and Goonderoo.

Bush Heritage Executive Manager North Region, Rob Murphy, called for Australians to support Bush Heritage's conservation work to control feral animals, remove invasive weeds and restore critical habitats in the threatened Brigalow Belt bioregion.

"I see the consequence of land modification and the devastation that invasive species cause every day," he said.

"Bush Heritage is proud to have people on the ground getting the work done but if we want to continue to protect our Australian bush, we need to ensure our conservation teams have as many resources as possible."

**To help Bush Heritage further their conservation work and help protect these species, donate to the summer appeal now: [bit.ly/2qaTvvl](https://bit.ly/2qaTvvl)**

#### SPECIES FACTS

##### BRIDLED NAILTAIL WALLABY

**Status: Endangered**

**Found at: Avocet Nature Refuge (next to Goonderoo Reserve)**

These solitary animals were believed extinct for 30 years until their rediscovery in 1973. Their former range has contracted





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significantly due to clearing, habitat loss and introduced predators. Bridled Naitails are also known as Flashjacks.

### KOALA

**Status: Vulnerable in Queensland**

**Found at: Goonderoo Reserve, Carnarvon Station Reserve**

An Aussie icon, the Koala is contending with habitat fragmentation caused by ongoing tree clearing. Collisions with vehicles and domestic dog attacks also kill around 4000 Koalas every year.

### GREATER GLIDER

**Status: Vulnerable in Queensland**

**Found at: Carnarvon Station Reserve**

These possum-like marsupials like to live in mature trees with well-developed hollows. Unfortunately with the rise of land clearing, the Greater Glider is facing habitat destruction and fragmentation. Fire and feral predators have also contributed to their decline. Sometimes called the Clumsy Possum.

### NORTHERN QUOLL

**Status: Endangered nationally**

**Found at: Carnarvon Station Reserve**

Occurring in the Northern Territory and Western Australia as well as Queensland, Northern Quolls have been impacted by cane toads as they are susceptible to their toxins. The Mayali people call the Northern Quoll *Njanmak*.

### NORTHERN BROWN BANDICOOT

**Status in Queensland: Least concern but now extinct in parts of Queensland and northern NSW**

**Found at: Carnarvon Station Reserve**

The largest of Australia's six bandicoot species, Northern Brown Bandicoots have suffered significant contractions in distribution due to land clearing and the introduction of predators.

#### About Carnarvon Station Reserve

- Covers 59,000 hectares
- Bought by Bush Heritage in 2001
- The Traditional Owners of Carnarvon are the Bidjara people
- Located 200km south of Emerald

#### About Goonderoo Reserve

- 593 hectares
- Bought by Bush Heritage in 1998
- The Traditional Owners of Goonderoo are the Western Kangoolu people
- Located 275 km west of Rockhampton

#### About the Brigalow Belt

- Stretches across 36.4 million hectares from northern NSW up to the Townsville region
- Named after the Brigalow tree that once dominated the area – a long-lived Acacia with distinctive silver leaves

