

BIOBLITZ

CASUARINA COASTAL RESERVE WEEKEND OF 29 MARCH 2025

Survey 11: Arboreal & Subterranean Ants – Saturday 7:30 am

What: Join local entomologists to survey arboreal and subterranean ants in the monsoon rainforests of Casuarina Coastal Reserve. Participants will first go into the field to collect ants captured in specialised traps that have been previously set up in monsoon rainforest adjacent to the BioBlitz Base Camp at the Darwin Surf Lifesaving Club. Collected specimens will be taken back to a lab in the BioBlitz Base Camp. Under the supervision of scientific leaders, participants will use microscopes to sort and identify collected specimens.

Leaders: Professor Alan Andersen is an ant biodiversity scientist based at Charles Darwin University who has been researching the remarkable diversity of ant communities in the Northern Territory for nearly 40 years.

When: Saturday, 29 March 2025, 7:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Where: Meet at the BioBlitz Base Camp at the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club (above De La Plage) at 7:30 am for check-in and briefing. The survey will start at 8:30 am and will take place in the monsoon rainforest close to the BioBlitz Base Camp.

Distance: approximately 500 m return walk.

Difficulty: Low. Includes walking off track in monsoon rainforest.

Who can attend: All ages, children 5-15 welcome with a parent/carer.

Number of participants: 10

Notes. A list of what to wear and bring will be provided on registration. Bring a sense of curiosity!

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