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## CASUARINA COASTAL RESERVE WEEKEND OF 29 MARCH 2025

## Survey 20: Small mammals - Sunday, 30 March, 6:30 am

**What**: Join local wildlife biologists to survey the small mammals of the savanna woodlands of Casuarina Coastal Reserve. In the early morning hours, participants will visit three fauna survey grids and check a series of specialised traps for small mammals such as northern brushtail possum, northern brown bandicoot and black-footed tree-rat. Basic measurements of animals will be taken before their release on site.

**Leaders**: Professor Brett Murphy is a Wildlife Biologist at Charles Darwin University and is currently studying aspects of the decline of Northern Australia's small mammal populations. Dr Teigan Cremona is a research fellow in arboreal marsupial ecology and conservation at Charles Darwin University.

When: Sunday 30 March 2025, 6:30 am to 9:00 am

**Where**: Meet at the gravel carpark adjacent the substation at 79 Rocklands Drive (<u>see location on Google Maps</u>) at 6:30 am for check-in and briefing. Checking of traps will be conducted between 7:00 am and 8:30 am in the savanna woodlands west of the Royal Darwin Hospital.

**Distance:** Return walk along Creek-to-Creek trail of approximately 2 km.

**Difficulty:** Moderate. Includes walking on bush trails and working in potentially dense grassy understory of savanna woodlands.

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

Number of participants: 10

**Notes:** A list of what to bring and wear will be provided on registration.

