

BIOBLITZ

CASUARINA COASTAL RESERVE WEEKEND OF 29 MARCH 2025

Survey 10: Ground-dwelling ants – Saturday 7:30 am

What: Join local entomologists to survey ground-dwelling ants and other ground-foraging invertebrate fauna of Casuarina Coastal Reserve. Participants will go into the field to collect invertebrates captured in specialised pitfall traps that have been set up in grassland, savanna woodland and rainforest habitats around the BioBlitz Base Camp at the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club. Collected specimens will be taken back to a lab at the Base Camp. Under the supervision of scientific leaders, participants will use microscopes to sort, photograph and identify collected specimens. Specimens will be prepared for accession into MAGNT's entomology collection.

Leaders: Dr Kirsti Abbott is an entomologist and science education and engagement specialist who is the Head of Science at Museum and Art Gallery of the NT (MAGNT). Kirsti will be assisted by four members of the MAGNT engagement team.

When: Saturday, 29 March 2025, 7:30 am to 12:00 pm (plus optional lab time).

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 a range of habitats close to the BioBlitz Base Camp.

Distance: approximately 1 km return walk.

Difficulty: Low. Includes walking off track in easy terrain.

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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