

BIODIVERSITY

PROTECTING TASMANIA'S PLANT AND WILDLIFE IS A CORE CAMPAIGN FOCUS FOR THE LEC. In coming months, we will establish campaigns to help protect the biodiversity of northern Tasmania by focusing our attention on weeds and feral animals and the threat they pose to our plant and wildlife.

The main focus of the campaigns will be to minimise or eliminate the impacts of cats, foxes and weeds.

THE BIODIVERSITY OF NORTHERN TASMANIA

Tasmania's northern region covers more than two and a half million hectares of rich and diverse environments.

Across the region, you will find an abundance of flora and fauna: from the mountains with their old growth forests and giant swamp gums (*Eucalyptus regnans*) to the sea, with its wild fisheries and reef habitat: from the plains of the Northern Midlands with large numbers of threatened species to the coastal healthland, home to the shy New Holland Mouse: from the plateau environments, with their ancient rainforests and primeval freshwater shrimps, to Trevallyn Gorge in the very heart of Launceston, a haven for plants and animals that date back millions of years to the time of Gondwana.

The Tamar is a highly significant estuary and includes the Low Head biodiversity "hot spot" with reefs, sponge gardens and sea grass beds. The region's native grasslands are the most significant remaining in South-east Australia, and the rare geological features of the living limestone cave systems of the Mole Creek Karst are home to a group of highly specialised and rare insects and spiders.

The natural resources of our region support a range of industries including agriculture, tourism, forestry and fisheries. The region's biodiversity and the many and varied habitats that maintain it underpins our wealth, health and sense of wellbeing - and we all benefit by looking after it.

The LEC is in the process of establishing campaigns to help protect the biodiversity of northern Tasmania. Our focus will be on feral animals, including the impacts of cats and foxes and weeds. In the meantime, and to help you further understand, download the [LEC VALUE OF BIODIVERSITY](#) document.

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