



Keep and Display Herpetofauna at an Educational Facility

FACT SHEET AND APPLICATION FORM

To keep (possess) and display Tasmanian reptiles and amphibians at an educational facility you must hold both a Scientific or Educational Wildlife Permit and a Wildlife Display Permit. Please read this information before completing and submitting your application.

What do these permits authorise?

A Scientific or Educational Wildlife Permit (SoEWP) is issued under Regulation 48 of the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations 2021* pursuant to Regulations 36 and authorises the take (catch and collect) and possession of specific species of Tasmanian native reptiles and amphibians subject to certain conditions.

A Wildlife Display Permit (WDP) is issued under Regulation 48 of the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations 2021* pursuant to Regulation 40 and authorises the display of wildlife specified on the permit subject to certain conditions.

The SoEWP authorises the employee of an Educational Facility* to keep wildlife onsite at that facility for educational purposes, as well as at their private address.

*Educational Facility, for the purpose of this permit type, means an organisation used for instruction of enrolled students.

Who can apply?

An employee of an educational facility who can demonstrate they have the necessary facilities, skills, and experience to properly care for herpetofauna.

The applicant must be endorsed by an appropriately authorised person of the educational facility.

All applicants must agree to abide by the *Code of Practice for Herpetology*. [Herpetology in Tasmania | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania \(nre.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.nre.tas.gov.au/Herpetology)

How do I apply?

Complete and lodge the application form (not this fact sheet) in person at any Service Tasmania service centre.

Cost of permit

A fee is payable for the WDP through Service Tasmania and details can be accessed from the [NRE Tas website](https://www.nre.tas.gov.au).

Authorised species

The holder of a SoEWP for herpetofauna is authorised to possess, at any one point in time, up to six (6) specimens of each of the following Tasmanian reptiles and amphibians. (See *Table 1* for authorised species). **This permit does not authorise the possession of snakes.**

Table 1 Authorised species under a Scientific or Educational Wildlife Permit for herpetofauna

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| Blotched bluetongue (<i>Tiliqua nigrolutea</i>) | Southern grass skink (<i>Pseudemoia entrecasteauxii</i>) |
| She-oak skink (<i>Cyclodomorphus casuarinae</i>) | Mountain dragon (<i>Tympanocryptis diemensis</i>) |
| White's skink (<i>Liopholis whitii</i>) | Common froglet (<i>Crinia signifera</i>) |
| Three-lined skink (<i>Acritoscincus duperreyi</i>) | Tasmanian froglet (<i>Crinia tasmaniensis</i>) |
| Delicate skink (<i>Lampropholis delicata</i>) | Smooth froglet (<i>Geocrinia laevis</i>) |
| Northern snow skink (<i>Carinascincus greeni</i>) | Banjo frog (<i>Limnodynastes dumerilii</i>) |
| Metallic skink (<i>Carinascincus metallicus</i>) | Spotted marsh frog (<i>Limnodynastes tasmaniensis</i>) |
| Southern snow skink (<i>Carinascincus microlepidotus</i>) | Tasmanian tree frog (<i>Litoria burrowsae</i>) |
| Ocellated (spotted) skink (<i>Carinascincus ocellatus</i>) | Brown tree frog (<i>Litoria ewingii</i>) |
| Mountain skink (<i>Niveoscincus orocryptus</i>) | Southern toadlet (<i>Pseudophryne semimarmorata</i>) |
| Tasmanian tree skink (<i>Niveoscincus pretiosus</i>) | |

What will I receive?

Successful applicants will receive a SoEWP and a WDP permit in their name.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive an explanation as to why their application was unsuccessful.

What do I have to do?

Comply with the conditions of your permit.

Permit reissue

If you wish to continue to keep and display herpetofauna at an educational facility, the attached form must be completed and returned each year.

If you are granted a permit/licence and intend to conduct activities requiring the authority of a permit or licence beyond its expiry, such as the possession of wildlife, it is your responsibility to ensure you submit a complete application within an appropriate timeframe for processing in order to continue operating lawfully.

Duration of permit?

Permits expire on the 31st January annually and do not exceed 12 months in duration.

Animal welfare

The treatment of all animals must comply with the *Animal Welfare Act 1993*.

When capturing, transporting, and keeping reptiles and amphibians the practices adopted must ensure minimal stress is caused to the animal and appropriate animal husbandry is practiced.

NOTE: For some species, husbandry information is available from Wildlife Services.

Sustainable take

The collection of reptiles and amphibians must not threaten wild populations. All care must be taken to ensure there is minimal disturbance to habitat such as logs, rocks, and water bodies.

Biosecurity

The collection of wildlife, such as frogs, should not risk the spread of disease, such as [chytrid](#).

The collection of reptiles and amphibians must not threaten wild populations. All care must be taken to ensure there is minimal disturbance to habitat such as logs, rocks, and water bodies.

Captive held reptiles and amphibians, if released back into the wild, can pose a biosecurity risk. If there is no other option but to release back into the wild it is essential for the wildlife to be in optimal health. It is important to only release



wildlife at their site of capture. Any progeny to be released, must be at their parent's site of capture.

Sick or diseased animals must not be released back into the wild.

Native animals must be kept separate from exotic species.

Returns

The SoEWP has two return requirements upon the expiry of the permit: a **Herpetofauna Return Form**; and a **Herpetofauna Record Form**. These forms serve different purposes as detailed below.

The **Herpetofauna Return Form** captures the species and quantities held by the permit holder upon the expiry of their permit.

The **Herpetofauna Record Form** details the change in the number of animals held throughout the validity period of the permit.

The WDP does not require a return.

Further permits will not be granted if return documents for previous permits have not been received.

Useful information

- Laws can be accessed from

[Home - Tasmanian Legislation Online](#)

- Licence and Permit Fees can be accessed from

[Licence and Permit Fees | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania \(nre.tas.gov.au\)](#)

Personal information

Information on the collection, maintenance, use and disclosure of personal information can be found on our website. [Personal Information Protection Policy | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania \(nre.tas.gov.au\)](#)



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Lodge this form:

In person at any Service Tasmania service centre

Enquiries:

Wildlife Services, GPO Box 44, Hobart TAS 7001

Phone (03) 6165 4305, Email Wildlife.Services@nre.tas.gov.au

Application instructions:

All fields marked with an asterisk* are mandatory and require a response, noting you may be prompted to fill out other sections based on your responses. Incomplete applications are unable to be processed by the Department and will be returned to you without further processing. A new complete application will need to be submitted. Please allow at least 20 business days for processing of applications. Where an application fee is required, please refer to [Licence and Permit Fees | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania \(nre.tas.gov.au\)](#) for payment details. The Secretary may request further information or evidence in relation to this application. If you fail to provide the required information within 10 business days, your application will be refused and you will need to submit a new application. Please contact the Department at the earliest opportunity to discuss the potential for an extension, noting that your request may not be accepted. It is an offence to provide false and misleading information at any stage during the application process.

Please note:

Applications will not be processed if you have any outstanding returns and/or records required from a previous permit or licence which have not been received by the Department.

1. Applicant's personal information

Given names:* _____

Family name:* _____

Residential address:* _____

_____ Post code: _____

Postal address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

Telephone:* _____ Email:* _____

Date of birth:* _____

2. Preferred way of receiving permit:*

Post Email

3. Please specify the private address where the wildlife listed on this permit application is to be held when not held at the facility

Address:* _____

_____ Post code: _____

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4. Educational facility details

Name:* _____

Address:* _____

Post code: _____

5. Educational facility endorsement

To be completed by an appropriately authorised person of the educational facility

I HAVE authority to approve and endorse this application on behalf of the educational facility*

Name:* _____ Position: _____

Telephone:* _____ Email:* _____

I understand and consent to the collection and use of my personal information in accordance with this document.

Signature:* _____

6. Permit information

Have you been granted a permit before?

Yes - Please provide permit number if known: _____ No

7. Do you possess any reptiles or amphibians? If yes, please list them below.*

Yes – Complete the below table No

| Species | Number held | Species | Number held |
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8. Declarations and important information to read before applying for a permit

Please indicate whether you have been convicted of a 'Relevant Offence' within the period of 5 years immediately preceding the day on which this application is made.*

A list of relevant offences determined by the Secretary for the purposes of the definition of relevant offence in Regulation 3(1) of the Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations 2021 can be found at www.nre.tas.gov.au/wildlife-management/forms-permits-and-fees/relevant-offences. Alternatively, a

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copy of what constitutes a relevant offence can be posted to you by using the contact details found elsewhere on this form.

- I HAVE been convicted of a Relevant Offence and I have attached written details
- I have NOT been convicted of a Relevant Offence

Please note that when making this application, it is an offence to provide information that you know is false or misleading, or to mislead the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania by omitting relevant information that you know you should provide. If you have any doubts about whether or not you should provide certain information you should contact the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania using the contact details elsewhere on this form or seek independent legal advice.

I, the Applicant, hereby make application for a Scientific or Educational Wildlife Permit and a Wildlife Display Permit and declare that:

- the information provided in this application is true and correct; and
- I consent to the collection and use of my personal information in accordance with the Department's Personal Information Protection Policy.

Applicant's signature:* _____ Date:* _____

Receipt number:* _____

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