



Keeping and Displaying Herpetofauna

For businesses

FACT SHEET AND APPLICATION

To operate a business keeping and displaying herpetofauna 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 and possession of the wildlife specified under the permit subject to certain conditions.

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

Authorised species

Protected wildlife

Up to 25 adult specimens of each Tasmanian snake and up to 12 specimens of each authorised schedule one (1) protected wildlife species of Tasmanian reptiles and amphibians can be kept.

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>)	

Table 1 Authorised Species of protected wildlife

Copperhead snake (<i>Austrelaps superbus</i>)	White-lipped snake (<i>Drysdalia coronoides</i>)
Tiger snake (<i>Notechis scutatus</i>)	

Table 2 Authorised venomous snake species

Restricted (special purpose) wildlife

A SoEWP may also authorise the possession of specific species of *restricted (special purpose) wildlife* that have been permitted to be imported into Tasmania for the purpose of educational display. Being granted a SoEWP does **not** grant permission to import reptiles to Tasmania – See [Requirements for importing and keeping wildlife in Tasmania](#).

Species of *restricted (special purpose) wildlife* and the number of specimens that can be kept are listed below. Please note that all specimens must be male and microchipped.

Anyone seeking to import wildlife to Tasmania should contact the Department to discuss the requirements that will apply, well before seeking to acquiring any wildlife.

Who can apply?

A person who can demonstrate their association with a business involved in the keeping and display of herpetofauna and who holds public liability insurance for the activity being permitted.

A person who has a minimum five (5) years' experience keeping and displaying herpetofauna, some of which must have occurred in Tasmania.

How do I apply?

Complete and lodge the attached application form (not this fact

sheet) in person at any Service Tasmania service centre.

Cost of permit

A fee is payable for the WDP. The fee is payable at a Service Tasmania service centre.

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

Central bearded dragon (<i>Pogona vitticeps</i>)	Up to 4 males
Pythons within the <i>Antaresia</i> genus including: - Children's python; - Spotted python; - Pygmy python; and - Stimson's python.	Up to 4 males
Carpet Pythons including subspecies: - Coastal carpet python; - Inland carpet python; - Diamond python; - Darwin carpet python; - Jungle carpet python; and - Southern carpet python.	Up to 2 males
Black-headed pythons (<i>Aspidites melanocephalus</i>)	Up to 2 males

Table 3 Authorised species of *restricted (special purpose) wildlife*

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 \(nre.tas.gov.au\)](#)

What will I receive?

If your application is successful, you will receive a SoEWP and a WDP issued in your 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 authorisation.

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](#).

Captive held reptiles and amphibians, if released back in to 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 offspring 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.

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;
- appropriate animal husbandry; and
- sick or diseased animals are not exposed to other captive animals or released into the wild.

Returns and records

The SoEWP has two return requirements upon the expiry of the permit: a Herpetofauna Permit 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 requires the completion and return of a **Display Record Form** to capture the individual display events held throughout the permit validity period.

Further permits will not be granted if return and record documents have not been received.

Duration of authorisation

Permits expire on the 30th June annually and do not exceed 12 months in duration.

Permit reissue

If you wish to continue to keep and display herpetofauna as a business, the [application for a business to continue](#) 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.

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:* _____

2. Preferred way of receiving permit:*

Post Email

3. Please specify the address where the wildlife listed on this permit application are to be held

Address:* _____

_____ Post code: _____

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4. Applicant's business details

Business name:* _____

Australian Business Number (ABN):* _____

Public liability insurer:* _____

Policy number:* _____ Expiry date:* ___ / ___ / _____

Please attach a copy of your Public Liability Insurance to this application.*

5. Have you been granted a permit to possess reptiles or amphibians before?

Yes Please provide permit number if known: _____ No

6. Are you currently in possession of any species of Herpetofauna? Please list all herpetofauna held upon application in the following tables. If insufficient space below, please attach an additional list to this application.*

Native species	Number held	Native species	Number held

Exotic species		Microchip number*	Sex*
Common name	Scientific name		

7. Applicant's skills and experience

Number of years keeping herpetofauna:* _____

Number of years displaying herpetofauna:* _____

Please detail qualifications, skills and experience keeping and displaying herpetofauna, including previous employment.*

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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

<https://nre.tas.gov.au/relevant-offences>. Alternatively, a 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, 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:* _____

Service Tasmania product code 9318923025141

Receipt no:* _____