

Recreational wildlife licence

Species list

All care has been taken when compiling this list however it is subject to change. If you can't find what you are looking for please email palm@des.qld.gov.au for clarification.

From 22 August 2020, three new licences were introduced for the keeping, breeding or trading of protected animals in Queensland: Standard, Specialised, and Advanced.

If you hold an existing recreational wildlife licence (RWL) (received prior to 22 August 2020) there are no changes to your licence until it expires or you choose to apply for one of the three new licences, which you can do at any time.

After 22 August 2020 you will continue to be able to keep any animals that you were originally endorsed to keep when you obtained your RWL.

Types of RWL

RWLs were issued for birds, reptiles or amphibians and classified as standard or restricted.

Standard RWL

A standard RWL allows for the keeping of an unlimited number of controlled, commercial and recreational birds and/or reptiles and amphibians.

You are also able to keep up to two restricted birds, reptiles or amphibians other than venomous reptiles (reptiles of the families Elapidae, Hydrophiidae or Laticaudidae).

Restricted RWL

A restricted RWL allows for the keeping of more than two restricted birds, reptiles and amphibians as well as international birds (eclectus parrot) and international reptiles (green python).

In some cases, a restricted RWL includes specific approval to keep international reptiles or dangerous snakes (reptiles of the families Elapidae, Hydrophiidae or Laticaudidae).

Controlled animals: Birds

The following birds are controlled animals:

Common name	Scientific name
Adelaide rosella	<i>Platycercus elegans adelaidae</i>
bar-shouldered dove	<i>Geopelia humeralis</i>
black-throated finch	<i>Poephila cincta</i>
blue-faced parrot finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa</i>
chestnut-breasted mannikin	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>
common bronzewing	<i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>
crested pigeon	<i>Ocyphaps (Geophaps) lophotes</i>
crimson rosella	<i>Platycercus elegans elegans</i>

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diamond firetail	<i>Stagonopleura guttata</i>
double-barred finch	<i>Taeniopygia bichenovii</i>
eastern rosella	<i>Platycercus eximius</i>
emerald dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
hooded parrot	<i>Psephotus dissimilis</i>
little button-quail	<i>Turnix velox</i>
long-tailed finch	<i>Poephila acuticauda</i>
mallee ringneck	<i>Barnardius zonarius barnardi</i>
masked finch	<i>Poephila personata</i>
musk lorikeet	<i>Glossopsitta concinna</i>
painted button-quail	<i>Turnix varia</i>
painted finch	<i>Emblema pictum</i>
pale-headed rosella	<i>Platycercus adscitus</i>
Port Lincoln ringneck	<i>Barnardius zonarius zonarius</i>
rainbow (red-collared) lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus rubritorquatus</i>
red-capped parrot	<i>Purpureicephalus spurius</i>
scaly-breasted lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus</i>
turquoise parrot	<i>Neophema pulchella</i>
western rosella	<i>Platycercus icterotis</i>
yellow rosella	<i>Platycercus elegans flaveolus</i>

Commercial animals: Birds

The following birds are commercial birds:

Common name	Scientific name
Australian ringneck or Cloncurry parrot	<i>Barnardius zonarius macgillivrayi</i>
beautiful firetail	<i>Stagonopleura bella</i>
black-breasted button-quail	<i>Turnix melanogaster</i>
blue bonnet, other than the narethae subspecies	<i>Northiella haematogaster</i> , other than <i>N.h. narethae</i>
blue-winged parrot	<i>Neophema chrysostoma</i>

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Common name	Scientific name
brown cuckoo-dove	<i>Macropygia amboinensis</i>
brush bronzewing	<i>Phaps elegans</i>
chestnut quilled rock-pigeon	<i>Petrophassa rufipennis</i>
crimson finch	<i>Neochmia phaeton</i>
flock bronzewing	<i>Phaps histrionica</i>
golden-shouldered parrot	<i>Psephotus chrysopterygius</i>
king parrot	<i>Alisterus scapularis</i>
little lorikeet	<i>Glossopsitta pusilla</i>
mulga parrot	<i>Psephotus varius</i>
northern rosella	<i>Platycercus venustus</i>
pictorella mannikin	<i>Heteromunia pectoralis</i>
pie imperial-pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>
plum-headed finch	<i>Neochmia modesta</i>
purple-crowned lorikeet	<i>Glossopsitta porphyrocephala</i>
red-backed button-quail	<i>Turnix maculosa</i>
red-browed finch	<i>Neochmia temporalis</i>
red-chested button-quail	<i>Turnix pyrrhothorax</i>
red-winged parrot	<i>Aprosmictus erythropterus</i>
regent parrot	<i>Polytelis anthopeplus</i>
rock parrot	<i>Neophema petrophila</i>
spinifex pigeon	<i>Geophaps plumifera</i>
squatter pigeon	<i>Geophaps scripta</i>
superb parrot	<i>Polytelis swainsonii</i>
varied lorikeet	<i>Psitteuteles versicolor</i>
white-headed pigeon	<i>Columba leucomela</i>
white-quilled rock-pigeon	<i>Petrophassa albipennis</i>
wonga pigeon	<i>Leucosarcia melanoleuca</i>

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Common name	Scientific name
yellow-rumped mannikin	Lonchura flaviprymna

Commercial animals: Invertebrates

The following invertebrates are commercial animals:

Spiders and scorpions

All protected spiders are commercial spiders.

All protected scorpions are commercial scorpions.

Commercial animals: Reptiles

The following reptiles are commercial animals:

Common name	Scientific name
Central netted dragon	Ctenophorous nuchalis
Inland bearded dragon	Pogona vitticeps
downs bearded dragon	Pogona henrylawsoni

The following reptiles of the family Scincidae

Common name	Scientific name
pink-tongued lizard	Hemisphaeriodon gerrardii
eastern blue-tongued lizard	Tiliqua scincoides
Cunningham's skink	Egernia cunninghami

The following reptiles of the family Chelidae

Common name	Scientific name
eastern snake-necked turtle	Chelodina longicollis
saw-shelled turtle	Eelseya latisternum
Krefft's river turtle	Emydura krefftii macquarii
Murray turtle	Emydura macquarii

The following reptiles of the family Gekkonidae

Common name	Scientific name
Centralian knob-tailed gecko	Nephurus amya

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three-lined knob-tail gecko	<i>Nephrurus levis</i>
thick-tailed gecko	<i>Underwoodisaurus milii</i>
rough knob-tailed gecko	<i>Nephrurus asper</i>

The following reptiles of the family Boidae

Common name	Scientific name
children's python	<i>Liasis childreni</i>
spotted python	<i>Liasis maculosus</i>
Stimson's python	<i>Liasis stimsoni</i>

Recreational animals: Birds

The following birds are recreational animals:

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Common name	Scientific name
Australian shoveler	<i>Anas rhynchotis</i>
Australian shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>
Pacific black duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>
black swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>
blue-billed duck	<i>Oxyura australis</i>
Cape Barren goose	<i>Cereopsis novaehollandiae</i>
chestnut teal	<i>Anas castanea</i>
green pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus pulchellus</i>
grey teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>
hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>
magpie goose	<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>
maned duck or wood duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>
pink-eared duck	<i>Malacorhynchus membranaceus</i>
plumed whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>
radjah shelduck	<i>Tadorna radjah</i>
wandering whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna arcuata</i>

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Recreational animals: Reptiles and amphibians

All least concern amphibians are recreational animals.

All least concern reptiles other than restricted reptiles and the freshwater crocodile (*Crocodylus johnstoni*) are recreational animals.

Restricted animals: Birds

The following birds are restricted animals:

Common name	Scientific name
Australian magpie (black-backed)	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen tibicen</i>
banded lapwing	<i>Vanellus tricolor</i>
buff-breasted button-quail	<i>Turnix olivii</i>
eclectus parrot (Australian subspecies)	<i>Eclectus roratus macgillivrayi</i>
figbird	<i>Specothes viridis</i>
gang gang cockatoo	<i>Callocephalon fimbriatum</i>
glossy black-cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus lathami</i>
green rosella	<i>Platycercus caledonicus</i>
long-billed black-cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus baudinii</i>
Macleay's fig parrot	<i>Cyclopsita diopthalma macleayana</i>
Major Mitchell's cockatoo (pink cockatoo)	<i>Cacatua leadbeateri</i>
masked lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>
naretha blue bonnet	<i>Northiella haematogaster naretha</i>
partridge pigeon	<i>Geophaps smithii</i>
red-eared firetail	<i>Stagonopleura oculata</i>
red-tailed black-cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus banksii</i>
red wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>
rose-crowned fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus regina</i>
scarlet honeyeater	<i>Myzomela sanguinolenta</i>
short-billed (white-tailed) black-cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus latirostris</i>
silvereeye (grey-backed)	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>
splendid fairy-wren	<i>Malurus splendens</i>
spotted pardalote	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>

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superb fairy-wren	Malurus cyaneus
superb fruit-dove	Ptilinopus superbus
swift parrot	Lathamus discolor
topnot pigeon	Lopholaimus antarcticus
variegated fairy-wren	Malurus lamberti
white-winged fairy-wren	Malurus leucopterus
wompoo fruit-dove	Ptilinopus magnificus
yellow-tailed black-cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus funereus

Restricted animals: Reptiles and amphibians

The following reptiles are restricted animals:

A threatened or near threatened reptile other than the following:

Common name	Scientific name
A reptile of the family Hydrophiidae	
A reptile of the family Laticaudidae	
A reptile of the family Cheloniidae	
A reptile of the family Dermochelyidae	

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The following reptiles of the family Elapidae:

Common name	Scientific name
black snakes	<i>Pseudechis</i> spp
broad-headed snakes	<i>Hoplocephalus</i> spp
brown snakes	<i>Pseudonaja</i> spp
Collett's snake	<i>Pseudechis colletti</i>
copperheads	<i>Austrelaps</i> spp
death adders	<i>Acanthophis</i> spp
eastern small-eyed snake	<i>Rhinoplocephalus nigriscens</i>
rough scaled snake	<i>Tropidechis carinatus</i>
taipans	<i>Oxyuranus</i> spp
tiger snakes	<i>Notechis</i> spp

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eclectus parrot (*Eclectus roratus* other than the Australian population, *E. r. macgillivrayi*); and green python (*Morelia viridis* other than animals of the Australian population).