



ROTTNEST IS

protecting our local wildlife

**Rottnest Island is an A-Class Reserve
renowned for its high conservation
and community values.**

All plants and animals on Rottnest Island
are protected by law. Wildlife should not
be disturbed, rather observed from a
reasonable distance.

Please enjoy these natural wonders during
your visit and appreciate the need to
conserve this island paradise for
future generations to enjoy.






Protection of local wildlife

Rottnest Island provides critical habitat for a range of animal species, with some being listed as significant for conservation under State and Commonwealth legislation.

This includes the world's most viable population of quokkas.

The quokka is currently ranked as 'vulnerable' under both the IUCN Red List and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.



did you know?



If quokkas are not protected on Rottnest Island, they risk becoming extinct in the wild.



how can you help



Do not feed the wildlife

In some cases feeding wildlife can result in the death of the animal and also lead to unnatural behaviours, where animals become reliant on humans or aggressive.

Bread for example is a poor dietary substitute as it has very low nutritional values, causing

deficiencies and predisposing our wildlife to disease and deformities.

It is also important not to provide quokkas with an artificial water supply as it can cause toxicity within the quokkas body leading to death.



did you know?

Quokkas can only digest plants, other types of food can result in illness.





Do not touch the wildlife

While our quokkas are certainly friendly, touching and petting them is not permitted.

Quokkas and birds on Rottnest Island have been known to deliver a nasty bite as well as carry diseases like Salmonella.

For your own personal safety and the welfare of the animal, it is best to limit human interaction

with wild animals. If you accidentally come into contact with an animal, wash the area of contact with soap and water as soon as possible to minimise the risk of infection.

On the spot fines will be charged to anyone seen interfering with animals, including feeding.

our local wildlife?



Dispose of your rubbish

Putting your rubbish and food scraps in the bin is important to prevent the following:

- Wildlife becoming sick from eating human food
- Wildlife becoming aggressive
- Rubbish littering our beautiful island ecosystems
- Wildlife ingesting plastics and other harmful materials



Ride your bikes with care

To avoid accidents with quokkas, and other wildlife such as lizards, please take care while riding and keep your eyes on the road. Quokkas are fairly inactive during the daytime and become more alert during the evenings.

Early morning and late evening are the best times to see a quokka, when they are often on the road in higher numbers.





Thank you.

If you see a sick or injured animal or animals being mistreated, please report it immediately to the

**Rottnest Island Rangers
on 9372 9788.**

Anyone who deliberately interferes (including feeding) wildlife will be fined \$150 on the spot under the Rottnest Island Authority Act 1987 and potentially prosecuted under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* with **fines up to \$10,000**; and

Acts of animal cruelty may result in **fines up to \$50,000** and 5 years imprisonment under the *Animal Welfare Act 2002*.

