

2007 - University Student Grants Scheme - winners

The Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia is delighted to announce the winners of the ten annual grants of \$1,000 each to honours or postgraduate students conducting research that will contribute to the conservation of Australian wildlife. The winners for 2007 are:

Graeme Armstrong – School for Environmental Research, Charles Darwin University, Darwin. Project – Environmental factors affecting the seed availability for granivorous birds in tropical savannas of Australia.

Jennifer Firn – School of Integrative Biology, University of Queensland. Project – Investigate the competitive nature (passive or aggressive) of *Eragrostis curvula* (African Lovegrass).

Mattias Hagman – School of Biological Sciences, University of Sydney. Project – Evaluate the impact of habitat fragmentation on frog population persistence and assessment of their environmental requirements.

Alejandro Ortega-Arqueta – School of Natural and Rural Systems Management, University of Queensland. Project – Evaluating the conservation strategies for threatened species in Australia.

Danielle Shanahan – School of Integrative Biology, University of Queensland. Project – Understanding fragmentation for improved conservation: landscape genetics of a rainforest specialist, the yellow-throated scrubwren.

Brendan Taylor – School of Environment, Griffith University. Project – Understanding and mitigating the impact of roads on wildlife.

James Turner – Centre for Behavioural and Physiological Ecology, University of New England, Armidale. Project – The ecology and thermal biology of pygmy-possums.

Jamie Voyles – Amphibian Disease Ecology Group, James Cook University, Townsville. Project – Amphibian declines and extinctions occurring in Australia that are attributed to the disease chytridiomycosis.

Arian Wallach – Faculty of Sciences, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Adelaide. Project – Persistence of endangered mammals: Is the dingo the key”

Paul Webala – School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Murdoch University. Project – Bat community structure and habitat use across disturbance regimes in jarrah forests, South-western Australia.