

## 2009 - 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 2009 are:

**Alice Blackwood** - School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Science, University of New South Wales.

Project – “The effect of river red gum decline in the Macquarie Marshes on woodland birds”

**Lisa Cawthen** - University of Tasmania.

Project – “Beyond the remnant: The influence of local and landscape level factors on forest dwelling bats”

**Jennyfer Cruz** - Department of Environment and Conservation and Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre, University of Queensland.

Project – “Exploring the declines of native species in Australia’s biodiversity hotspot using the koomal (*Trichosurus vulpecula hypoleucus*) as a model species

**Kerinne Harvey** – Department of Biological Sciences, Macquarie University.

Project – “Why do plants become invasive? The role of phylogeny, herbivores and time”

**Crystal Kelehear** - School of Biological Sciences, Tropical Ecology Research Facility, University of Sydney.

Project – “Nematodes *versus* toads: investigating the potential for parasites to lessen the impact of the cane toad invasion”

**Nadav Pezaro** - School of Biological Sciences, University of Sydney.

Project – “Nest site selection in the Eastern water dragon (*Physignathus lesueurii*): A case study in response to climate change”

**Catherine Price** - School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of New South Wales.

Project – “Novel approaches to improving the success of reintroductions – protecting prey with chemical camouflage”

**Robert Reed** - Department of Zoology, University of Melbourne.

Project – “The effects of rotational prescribed burning on the long-nosed potoroo (*Potorous tridactylus*)”

**Karen Stagoll** - The Fenner School of Environment and Society, Australian National University.

Project – “Conservation in urban and peri-urban landscapes: planning and management of habitat for threatened woodland birds”

**Jessica Walsh** – Spatial Ecology Lab, University of Queensland.

Project – “Resource allocation prioritisation at a fine resolution: how to achieve the best conservation outcome for the malleefowl”