



2013 – University Student Grants Scheme – winners

The Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia is delighted to announce the winners of the ten grants of \$1,000 each to honours or postgraduate students conducting research that will contribute to the conservation of Australian wildlife. The winners for 2013 are:

James Sadler, University of Queensland. Project: Establishing new, ‘non-traditional’, coral paleothermometers to reconstruct environmental conditions experienced in the southern Great Barrier Reef over the last 8,000 years.

Jessica Hacking, Flinders University. Project: Disease resistance and sexual selection in the tawny dragon: Utilising disease-resistance-genes in conservation biology and evolutionary theory.

Stephen Griffiths, La Trobe University. Project: Investigating factors influencing occupancy of artificial nest boxes by tree-roosting bats.

Christopher Watson, University of Technology, Sydney. Project: Detecting ecosystem change in temperate Australian grasslands: remote sensing tools.

Hugh Davies, University of Melbourne. Project: Fire, cats and the Kimberley’s declining mammals.

Georgia Ward-Fear, Sydney University. Project: Mitigating the impact of an invasive species (cane toads) by decreasing naivety of a top order predator (goannas).

Giverny Rodgers, James Cook University. Project: Climate change in a stable thermal environment: effects on the performance and life history of a coral reef fish.

Kylie Soanes, University of Melbourne. Project: Evaluating the effectiveness of road mitigation measures for wildlife: how much monitoring is enough?

Madelon Willemsen, University of Technology, Sydney. Project: Can project management improve mammal conservation success in Australia?

Lachlan Fetterplace, University of Wollongong. Project: The vast unknown: assessing the conservation of soft sediment fish diversity.