

2015 University Student Grants Scheme winners

The Australian Wildlife Society's University Research Grants are scholarships offered to honours or postgraduate students at Australian universities. Each year, ten grants of \$1,000 are awarded. Grants are available for research projects of direct relevance to the conservation of Australian wildlife; plant or animal. Grants may be used for the purchase of equipment and consumables, travel expenses related to field research, or attendance at conferences at which you are presenting your work.

The Australian Wildlife Society 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 2015 are:

Bianca Amato - School of Natural and Built Environments, University of South Australia
Project: The contribution of native flower visitors and their hosts plants to crop pollination on the Yorke Peninsula, South Australia

Benjamin Arthur - Marine Science, University of Tasmania
Project: Changing climate and the winter foraging ecology of Antarctic fur seal populations

Matt Christmas - University of Adelaide
Project: Climate adaptation of the hop bush, *Dodonaea viscosa*, along an environmental gradient

Amanda Edworthy - Research School of Biology, Australian National University
Project: Dispersal and genetic structure of forty-spotted pardalotes across fragmented landscapes: conservation of an endangered songbird

Christine Evans - Flinders University
Project: The hidden costs of extra pair paternity: implications for survival and reproductive success in an endemic woodland bird

Sarsha Gorissen - University of Sydney
Project: Conserving the endangered fauna of highland swamps

Emily Gregg - School of Biosciences, The University of Melbourne
Project: No water, no hope: the on-ground feasibility of a waterless barrier to prevent the spread of cane toads in Western Australia

David Hamilton - Department of Biological Sciences, University of Tasmania
Project: Contact networks and transmission of facial tumour disease in the Tasmanian devil

Harry Moore - School of Life & Environmental Sciences, Deakin University
Project: By suppressing both the abundance and activity of invasive mesopredators in arid environments, could dingoes have a positive influence on native mammal species

Estibaliz Palma - The School of Bio Sciences and the Faculty of Sciences, University of Melbourne
Project: Plant invasion ecology: relationship between species traits and demographic dimensions of invasiveness



In the following two issues of *Australian Wildlife*, articles on the winners' projects will be featured.