

Serventy Conservation Medal for 2004

The Serventy Conservation Medal for 2004 was made to Wayne Reynolds who has an inspirational love for Australia's wildlife and has been responsible for the success of the Cape Solander Whale Migration Study carried out on the coast line of the Royal National Park, Sydney.

The study takes place during June-July each year. Wayne was the original volunteer for this project twelve years ago when he began his seven-day, 84-hour weeks, braving the winter weather to provide scientists and researchers with invaluable written and photographic records of the migrating whales along our coastline.

Wayne's enthusiasm has gradually spread throughout the community and now thousands of visitors come to the site every winter to study, watch and learn about the migrating whales. Despite long-term and ongoing health problems, he has dedicated himself to helping Australia's wildlife - both through rescuing and caring for individual animals, and through research to benefit ongoing conservation of Australian wildlife.

Wayne has also been a WIRES volunteer for over ten years, rescuing thousands of native animals of over 80 different species for rehabilitation and release back to the wild and training others in good animal rescue techniques. His love for paperwork has never been close to his love for Australian wildlife, so the statistics collected by WIRES on his rescues are certainly an underestimate, especially with all the direct calls he willingly receives from others well aware of the great conservation work that he does.



*Wayne Reynolds and Patrick Medway AM, National President,
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