

Australian Wildlife Society

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Snip Rings for Wildlife



In 2020, the Society launched a new campaign called #SnipRingsforWildlife.

The campaign aims to raise awareness and encourage individuals to protect Australia's wildlife by snipping through plastic rings, rubber bands, hair ties, the loops of facemasks, and plastic dome-shaped lids before disposing of them.

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- Cut through ring-shaped items:
 - Plastic rings
 - Rubber bands
 - Hair ties
 - Loops of facemasks
 - Plastic dome shaped lids



Before throwing them away to protect native wildlife.



Image: Wildlife Rockhampton.



Each year, thousands of birds and semi-aquatic wildlife such as platypus, turtles, and water dragons are strangled, obtain significant injuries, and often die horrific deaths from ring-shaped items.



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Image: Unknown



Native wildlife becomes entangled in these items that wrap around their beak or muzzle, preventing them from eating.





Image: Mary Caporal Prior



These items can also tangle up their feet, wings, or fins, limiting their movement.





Image: Wendy Wallin



Young animals can become entrapped in these items, and as they grow, these items cut into their flesh, sometimes amputating limbs or killing the animal.





Image: WIRES Northern Rivers



Despite contacting numerous manufacturers, informing them of the danger that ring-shaped items pose to native wildlife, and encouraging them to improve their products, the issue persists.



Jars, bottles, and tetra packs with plastic lids now come with a plastic ring that snaps apart from the lid upon opening or a peel-off seal under the cap.



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What can you do to help protect wildlife from
the risk of entanglement and death?

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Snip through ring-shaped items before disposing of them.

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MAKE USE OF ALTERNATIVES & SWAP:



Plastic rings



Peel & seal lids



Make us of alternatives such as peel and seal lids or milk cartons.

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Swap disposable facemasks for a reusable facemask and don't forget to cut the loops.

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Ask for no dome-shaped lid (or straw) when ordering a drink.

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On Wednesday 19 May 2021, the Society met with Mark Coure MP, the Member for Oatley, New South Wales. The Society asked for Mark's support to help protect wildlife from the risk of entanglement and death from ring-shaped items. Mark expressed a great interest in our wildlife conservation projects across New South Wales and agreed to support our campaign.



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An online petition was launched calling on the New South Wales Parliament to urgently take action to protect native wildlife.

We need as many New South Wales residents as possible to sign the petition that asks the New South Wales Legislative Assembly to:

1. Implement a ban on ring-shaped items to protect native wildlife from the risk of entanglement and death,
2. Encourage companies to change their products to a more wildlife-friendly option and
3. Encourage the community to snip through ring-shaped items before disposing of them.

If we can reach 20,000 signatures by the end of September it will trigger a debate in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly, and politicians will be obliged to openly declare whether they will or will not protect native wildlife from the risk of entanglement from ring-shaped items.

SIGN THE PETITION

TO PROTECT ME

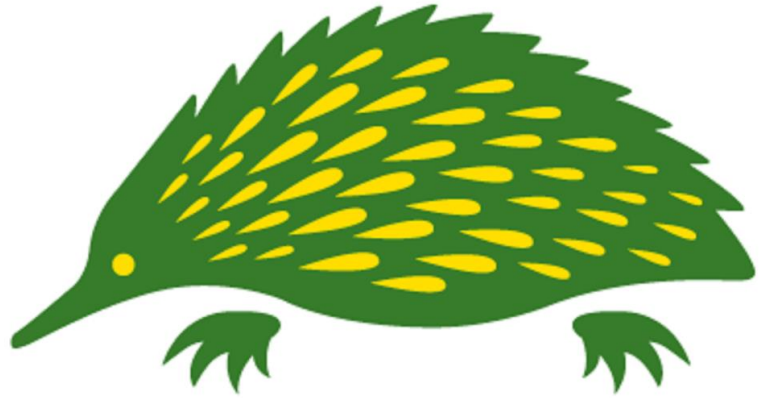


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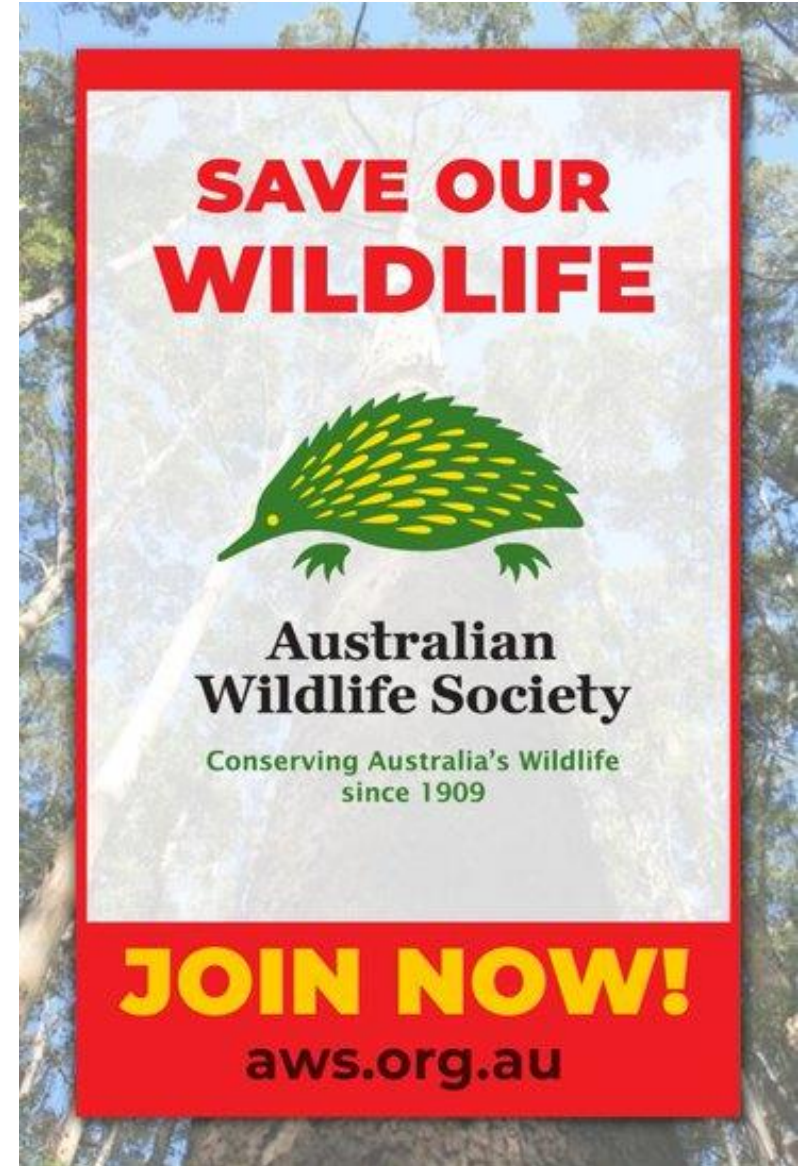


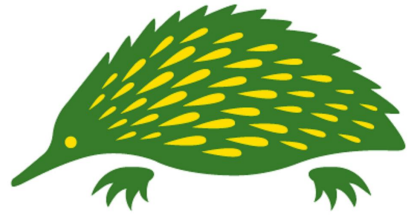
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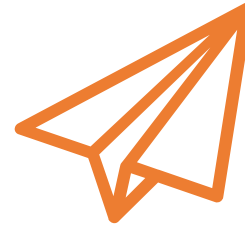
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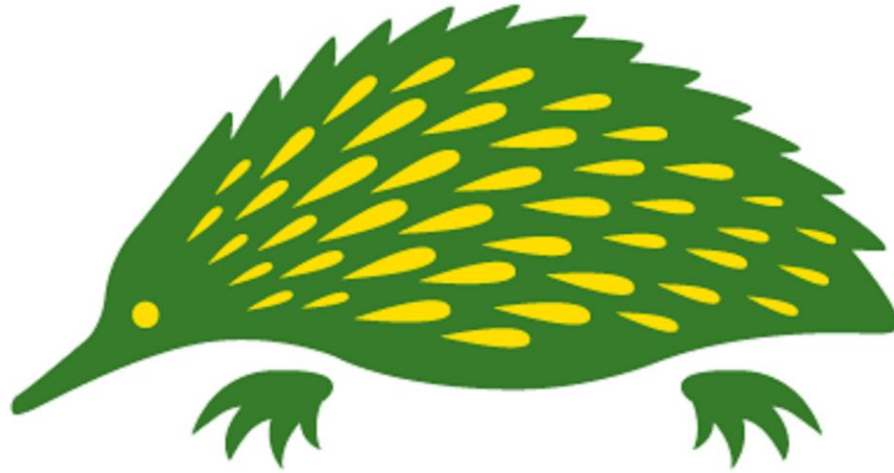
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