

2021 University 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 \$1,500 are awarded. Grants are available for research projects of direct relevance to the conservation of Australian wildlife (flora or fauna). Grants may be used to purchase 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 \$1,500 each to honours or postgraduate students conducting research that will contribute to the conservation of Australian wildlife. **The winners for 2021 are:**

BETHANY NORDSTROM - School of Biological Sciences, University of Western Australia
Project Title: Assisted colonisation of the western swamp turtle

GOD'SPOWER OKOH - Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, James Cook University
Project Title: Investigating herpesvirus infections in Australian wildlife

BIANCA KEYS AND KARLI MYLIUS - Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania
Project Title: Assessing microplastic exposure through non-invasive examination of guano in resident Tasmanian shorebirds

SHAE JONES - School of Earth, Atmospheric and Life Sciences, University of Wollongong
Project Title: Do arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi help grasses in heat waves?

ERICA DURANTE - Future Industries Institute, University of South Australia
Project Title: Investigating the age and growth of an endemic octopus species

GRACIE LIU - School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of New South Wales
Project Title: How can we improve frog conservation in fragmented landscapes? Closing the gap with a novel genetic approach

JENNA DRAPER - School of Biological Sciences, University of Adelaide
Project Title: Conservation utility of *Pimelea microcephala* subsps. *microcephala* to arid zone frugivores and pollinator

KYLE BREWER - Clinical and Health Sciences, University of South Australia
Project Title: pH-Responsive 1080 implants for the mitigation of the cat-astrophic predation of native animal populations

PATRICK FINNERTY - School of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Sydney
Project Title: Strategically exploiting plant odours to manipulate mammalian herbivore foraging behaviours as a conservational tools

GRANT LINLEY - Institute for Land, Water and Society, Charles Sturt University
Project Title: The influence of landscape-scale fire refuges and pyrodiversity on mammal communities following an unprecedented megafire

