



Australian Wildlife Society Social Media Community Guidelines

These guidelines are in place to help create a safe environment on all social media channels run by the Australian Wildlife Society.

Our social media channels aim to create an environment where our community can engage safely in debate and is free to make comments, questions, and suggestions.

We ask that anyone engaging with our social media channels shows courtesy, kindness and respect for all other members of our social media communities.

To help create this safe environment, we have set out some guidelines which apply to any engagement with us or other members of the community on any of our social media channels.

By engaging with our social media channels, you agree to follow these guidelines.

Comments must not:

1. Contain spam, be defamatory of any person, deceive others, be obscene, offensive, threatening, abusive, hateful, inflammatory or promote sexually explicit material or violence,
2. Promote discrimination based on race, sex, religion, nationality, disability, sexual orientation, or age,
3. Breach any of the terms of any of the social media platforms themselves,
4. Be off-topic, irrelevant, or unintelligible, and
5. Contain any advertising or promote any services.

It is the decision of the Board of the Australian Wildlife Society to provide guidelines to members, supporting appropriate discussion for the Society.

Guidelines:

1. The Board supports posting a range of relevant material, including sharing news posts, policy statements, media releases, funding opportunities, published research, upcoming events, robust discussion, and other material appropriate to the conservation of Australia's native wildlife (flora and fauna).





2. The Board strongly discourages content that personally targets individuals in a derogatory nature, is discriminatory, or perpetuates information lacking reasonable evidential support.
3. In instances where inappropriate material appears in the form of posts or comments, the Board recommends that members do not engage, perpetuate, or exacerbate the nature of such content. The Board encourages the re-posting of these guidelines to assist members.
4. In cases where the posting of inappropriate content persists, the Board recommends that concerns are raised further by utilising the 'report to admin' for posts (top right-hand corner) or 'report' for comments (select 'hide this' then 'report'). The Board may elect to remove material and/or block individuals in such cases.
5. The Australian Wildlife Society represents a diverse interdisciplinary Society whose common interest is conserving Australia's native wildlife. Thoughtful, supportive, encouraging, and objective discourse is a long-standing characteristic of this Society that the Board is proud to represent and continue to promote.

We also reserve the right to send any comments we deem appropriate to law enforcement authorities for investigation as we feel necessary or is required by law.

Australian Wildlife Society, founded in 1909, is a national not-for-profit wildlife conservation organisation. We are dedicated to conserving Australian wildlife through national environmental education, public awareness, advocacy, hands-on wildlife conservation work, and community involvement.

