



Landcare Checks In - Monday 29 March 2021 at 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Discussion Topic: Western Ringtail Possum Conservation

- Who's doing what to conserve the this critically endangered species?
- Learn from researchers and landcarers about their current activities.
- Connect with others in the field and share information.

Thank you to all the people who shared their projects and activities including:

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View the recording here - <http://www.landcarewa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/March-29-Recording-Trimmed.mp4>



Key Points

- Possums occur in all vegetation types not just peppermints and are flexible in their diet.
- Research shows there are as many ringtail possums in urban areas as in natural bush areas.
- Many different landcare groups and NRM organisations doing different projects and partnerships on ringtail possums
- Ringtail Tally coming up in April/May – happening on a regional scale
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ringtail-tally-2021-registration-147045782895?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>.
- Consider climate change and predicted distribution – availability of water - gardens with retic/bird baths and farms with remnants and water points
- Discussed how to engage the unconverted. Eg. using unconventional and different methods to appeal to cat lovers to keep their cats inside.
- Over 200 ringtail possums recorded in last 18 months through WARD database in Busselton Dunsborough area.