

Wildlife Health Surveillance Victoria

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We investigate reports of sick & dead wildlife from free ranging populations in Victoria to understand baseline wildlife health & detect changes. This is important because wildlife health can affect biodiversity conservation & ecosystem health, biosecurity, & the health of domestic animals & people. (One Health)

Please contact us to report sick and dead wildlife from free ranging populations of endemic mammals birds reptiles and amphibians in Victoria.

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Pam is keen to talk with regional community groups interested in wildlife health. Please email or phone her.

Sudden (overnight) death of Eastern Grey Kangaroos was reported last summer but we did not make a diagnosis. Please look for cases to report for ongoing investigations.

We investigate disease and infections in Koalas from across Victoria and are interested in population trends. We are very interested in Koalas from Beechworth, Seymour, the Grampians-Halls Gap, Casterton and far east and north Gippsland to test for infections. Please report any dead koalas with cancer or suspect immunosuppression to us, also sick-euthanized koalas.

Please report dead parrots, cockatoos and lorikeets so we can investigate their infections: Circovirus beak and feather disease, *Chlamydia psittaci* etc.

A respiratory viral infection was reported from stumpy-tailed lizards in Western Australia. We are keen to examine dead stumpy-tails and also interested in disease in blue-tongue lizards and other reptiles. Please monitor wetlands for dead frogs and waterbirds and contact us.



**Please report wildlife morbidity and mortality to Pam Whiteley 0400 119 301
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**Dead wildlife can be transported overnight to Werribee for investigation.
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