

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

**If you see sick or dead wildlife from free ranging populations,
please contact us.**

Eastern ringtail possum with:

- Skin lumps on nose or tail (**photo**).

Eastern grey kangaroos juveniles:

- Dead or weak and sick with swollen faces (**photo**)
- Can be due to blood-sucking intestinal worms (*Globocephaloides sp.*)

Kangaroos or wallabies:

- Blind, incoordinated, dead (not trauma)
- We are keen to investigate.

Marsupial & bird blood:

- Can be collected onto filter paper
- To test for arboviruses such as: Murray Valley, Ross River, Kunjin and Barmah forest viruses
- Contact us for filter paper.

Sick and dead birds (photo):

- We can test for: Beak & Feather cir-covirus, pox virus; Chlamydia, Salmonella, Mycoplasma, Mycobacteria bacteria; & Spironucleosis protozoa.
- Can be spread by fecal-oral infection at feeding sites.



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