



Curramore Wildlife Sanctuary

*Protecting biodiversity and vital habitat
in Queensland's south-east*

*East coast Australia
– a place of national
significance for our
biodiversity.*

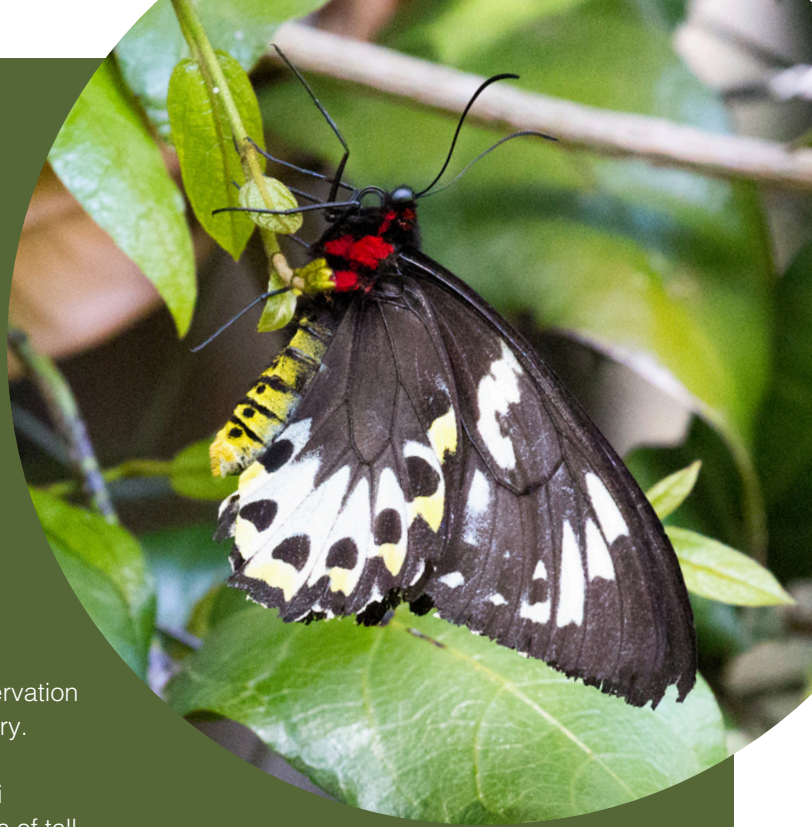
Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) is pleased to invite you to join us for a day of conservation land management at Curramore Wildlife Sanctuary.

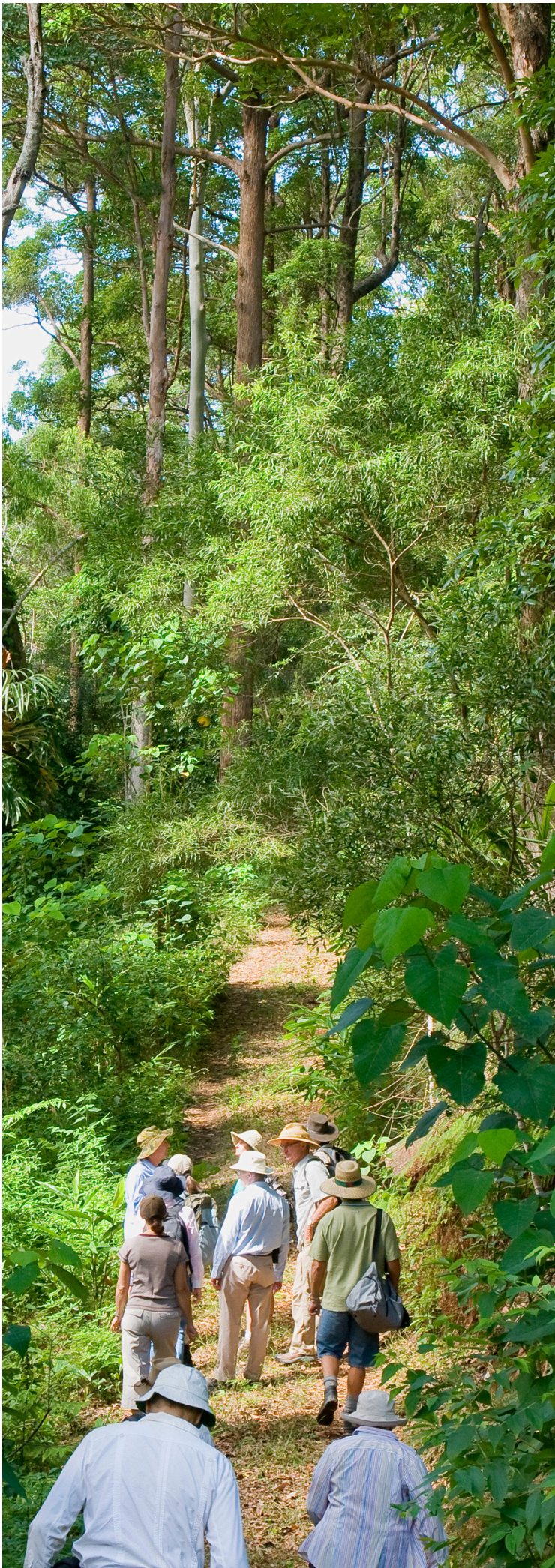
Situated 90km north of Brisbane on Gubbi Gubbi Country, Curramore protects almost 196 hectares of tall Eucalypt and Brush Box forest. Despite its relatively small size, the sanctuary is home to a remarkably high diversity of wildlife, thanks to its broad range of vegetation types and its connectivity to more extensive forest on adjacent land, including the Maleny National Park. It is strategically located in the southeast Queensland biodiversity hotspot. Here, AWC aims not only to protect an important suite of species, but also to demonstrate an effective response to one of the major threats to habitat in the region – invasion by Lantana.

Curramore protects a total of 279 species of native vertebrates, including several hundred species of birds and reptiles that dominate the forests during the day. Notable bird species are the colourful Noisy Pitta, Paradise Riflebird, Regent Bowerbird and Grey Goshawk. Of the 50 species of reptiles on the property, several are threatened, including the Elf Skink and Rose's Skink, although you are more likely to stumble upon one of the larger and more obvious species like the Lace Monitor or Eastern Water Dragon while traversing the sanctuary. As you gaze into the thick tree canopy, you can imagine it coming alive at night with possums and gliders, Marbled Frogmouths and Grey-headed Flying Foxes, and possibly even the rare Golden Tipped Bat searching for spiders.

Curramore is lucky to have low densities of both cats and foxes meaning the single greatest threat to wildlife here is loss of important habitat through weed infestation. Lantana, a Weed of National Significance, is the biggest problem – it spreads rapidly and can severely damage an ecosystem by excluding native vegetation and inhibiting new growth to the forest canopy. When AWC purchased Curramore in 2003, more than half of the property was infested with Lantana. Many years of dedicated treatment has enabled us to successfully remove an impressive 45% of the weed – a gargantuan effort by any measure! The AWC science team is able to track the ecological health of the sanctuary by measuring a suite of biological indicators, with much of our research also investigating the response of threatened wildlife to the removal of Lantana so we can better demonstrate the benefit of weed control to neighbouring National Parks and private landholders.

We look forward to working with you at Curramore. Thank you for volunteering your time to help protect and restore this iconic east coast bushland.





An overview of the day:

We'll meet at Nest Café in Witta at 8:00am to grab a coffee and use the toilet facilities. Plenty of parking is available in the carpark just behind the café (access from Gumland Drive).

Please note: There are no toilet facilities at Curramore, and no drinking water.

After refreshments, our group will drive to Curramore together in convoy (approx. 15 mins away). Please note that the last 200m of the drive will be on an unsealed gravel road. 2WD vehicles with average ground clearance will be fine, but if you are concerned about driving your vehicle on a gravel track, please let us know and we can help coordinate some car pooling from the café.

At Curramore

When we arrive, Sanctuary Manager Klaus Runde will tell us a little bit about the sanctuary's amazing ecological value and the threatened species that call it home. After a safety briefing, we will then get to work, weeding and clearing invasive grasses in the section of the property where we have recently planted more than 4,000 koala food trees.

It is likely to be hot if the weather is sunny, so we will work during the morning and wrap up just before lunch time.



What to wear and bring:

We recommend you wear:

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- Hat
- Long socks you can tuck into your pants (to avoid any leeches)
- Comfortable, enclosed and sturdy footwear
- Gardening gloves
- Kneeling pad or cushion if you need it
- Secateurs if you have them

We also recommend you bring a backpack with:

- Plenty of water (there is no adequate drinking water at Curramore)
- Snacks
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Wet weather gear in case of rain

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Volunteer registration

Before you arrive, it is essential that you complete an AWC Volunteer Profile on our website. Please complete the form [available online here](#).

We are here to help

If you have any questions ahead of your visit, please don't hesitate to contact us:

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