



# WILDLIFE INFORMATION

Due to the recent flood event, some wildlife have been displaced from their normal habitats. While trying to find their way to a safe spot, through no fault of their own, many animals have been pushed into people's yards and suburban areas.

**Currently Townsville Wildlife Rescuers are dealing with a large number of displaced animals.**

Please remember if you find them in your house or yard, it is not an invasion. Just like us, these animals are trying to find somewhere safe; so give them a fair go and remember to keep your eyes out, particularly on the roads. If you find stranded or displaced wildlife please follow the guideline below and remember to be safe – the animal may be injured, and may bite or scratch to defend itself.

If it is safe (for example, a baby bird) place the animal in a ventilated box or container – but remember animals may carry illnesses. Do not approach crocodiles, injured flying foxes or snakes. In all other cases, try not to disturb the animal and contact the wild life experts listed below. Remember that animals have to be returned to their regular habitats and homes. For example, freshwater turtles will not be happy if you put them in the saltwater lakes.

One of things that makes Townsville such a great place to live is the wonderful wildlife that lives all around us. Please give them all the help you can.

## **FOR ANIMAL RESCUES CONTACT:**

### **Hands On Wildlife**

☎ 0437 056 156 🌐 [www.handsonwildlife.com.au](http://www.handsonwildlife.com.au)

### **North Queensland Wildlife Carers**

☎ 0414 717 374

## **TOWNSVILLE SNAKE CATCHERS**

**Call 000 and treat any bite or suspected bite immediately.**

Please start with the catcher closest to your area, however you may need to ring several numbers to reach an available volunteer. All snake catchers are volunteers, and may or may not be available. *Charges may apply.*

- Alan Berry - 0418 714 082 (Mount Low)
- Justin Wright - 0436 356 157 (Mount Louisa)
- Snake Take Away - 0410 597 606 (Kelso)
- Ranger Dan Hands on Wildlife - 0437 056 157 (Northern beaches)
- Halvard Midtun - 0487 967 051 (Douglas)