

Spotted-tailed Quoll

Scientific Name:

Dasyurus maculatus

Conservation Status in NSW:

Vulnerable

National Conservation Status:

Endangered

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SPECIAL NOTE: Spotted-tailed Quolls face competition from feral animals and domestic cats in Warringah.

Description:

The Spotted-tailed Quoll is the largest marsupial carnivore on the Australian mainland, growing to a head and body length of 75cm and weighing 7kg. It has rich chocolate brown fur with white spots on the tail and body.

Habitat:

Spotted-tailed Quolls are found in a range of habitats from the coast to snowline. It eats a mixed diet of insects, birds, small wallabies and carrion. They are locally significant and rarely seen in Warringah.

Threats:

Spotted-tailed Quolls in Warringah face competition from feral animals and domestic cats.

Degradation and destruction of habitat as a result of urban expansion has reduced its former range.

Community Action:

Warringah residents can help protect species such as the Spotted-tailed Quoll by controlling domestic pets and supporting Council's feral animal control programs.

Remaining habitat can be protected and enhanced by having a "bush friendly" garden and from bush regeneration by bushcare groups such as Friends of the Bush.

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