

# Updating the schedules of the *Wildlife (General) Regulations 2010*

## INFORMATION ABOUT A RECENT AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEDULES OF THE REGULATIONS

On 24 December 2015, the Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage issued an order amending the schedules of the *Wildlife (General) Regulations 2010*.

The *Wildlife (General) Regulations 2010* are created under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*. The regulations include schedules into which species are placed depending on the management objectives for those species.

The schedules include the following categories:

1. Specially protected wildlife
2. Protected wildlife
3. Protected wildlife that may be bought, sold, or held without a permit
4. Partly protected wildlife (game species)
5. Restricted animals
6. Restricted (special purpose) animals
7. Domestic stock.

The order came into effect on 20 January 2016 and made changes to schedules 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

The changes were to strengthen biosecurity, remove unnecessary duplication, improve consistency in regulations and update scientific names of animals.

### Strengthening biosecurity

The order lists species in schedules depending on the level of biosecurity risk they represent to Tasmania. Species which have been assessed by a risk assessment as a serious or extreme threat are either prohibited or may be held only under strict conditions. This helps to ensure that Tasmania's unique native wildlife is protected and the state's biosecurity status is maintained.

### Removing unnecessary duplication

The order removes mainland species that are not present in Tasmania but are listed under the Commonwealth's *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* or other jurisdiction's environmental legislation. There is no need to list these species. The amendment removes the animals to reduce unnecessary duplication. This will also assist in developing a consistent approach to listing threatened species nationally.

### Improving consistency in legislation

The order re-allocates some species to other schedules to more accurately reflect their status and the management objectives for the species. Most of these changes are due to changes to listing status under the *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*. The order re-allocates these species to more suitable schedules to better reflect management objectives and improve consistency.

### Updating scientific names

The order changes the name of some species to reflect contemporary scientific nomenclature. Changes in nomenclature occur regularly with the latest research and reclassification, and this amendment ensures that the names used in the regulations are accurate and up to date.

### Additional information

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