



# Australian threatened species

There are over 2000 species threatened with extinction in Australia. From tiny frogs to bright-coloured fish, stunning snakes, adorable furry mammals, sharp-clawed crayfish and beautiful flowers – there are a lot of animals and plants in danger.

But we can help them! By choosing to draw or paint one of these animals or plants for Wild At Art you are helping to spread the word and protect them.

Here are just a selection of threatened species you may like to choose for your artwork. For the full list, click on the links below.

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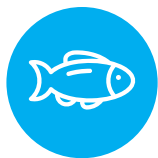
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## Frogs

| Name                                  | Scientific name                          | Threat level            | Location/state |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Baw baw frog                          | Philoria frosti                          | Critically endangered   | VIC            |
| Northern corroboree frog              | Pseudophryne pengilleyi                  | Critically endangered   | ACT, NSW       |
| Elegant frog / beautiful nursery-frog | Cophixalus concinnus                     | Critically endangered   | QLD            |
| Giant burrowing frog                  | Heleioporus australiacus                 | Endangered              | NSW            |
| Tapping nursery frog                  | Cophixalus aenigma                       | Endangered              | QLD            |
| Mount Ballow mountain frog            | Philoria knowlesi                        | Endangered (added 2025) | QLD, NSW       |
| Orange-bellied frog                   | Geocrinia vitellina = Anstisia vitellina | Vulnerable              | WA             |
| Green and golden bell frog            | Litoria aurea                            | Vulnerable              | NSW, VIC       |
| Howard Springs toadlet                | Uperoleia daviesae                       | Vulnerable              | NT             |
| Davies' tree frog                     | Litoria daviesae                         | Vulnerable              | NSW            |





## Fishes

| Name                                        | Scientific name                   | Threat level          | Location/state           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Grey nurse shark<br>(east coast population) | <i>Carcharias taurus</i>          | Critically endangered | East coast               |
| Red handfish                                | <i>Thymichthys politus</i>        | Critically endangered | TAS                      |
| East Gippsland galaxias                     | <i>Galaxias aequipinnis</i>       | Critically endangered | VIC                      |
| Speartooth shark                            | <i>Glyphis glyphis</i>            | Critically endangered | NT, QLD                  |
| argetooth sawfish                           | <i>Pristis pristis</i>            | Endangered            | WA, QLD                  |
| Elizabeth Springs goby                      | <i>Chlamydogobius micropterus</i> | Endangered            | QLD                      |
| Maugean skate                               | <i>Zearaja maugeana</i>           | Endangered            | TAS                      |
| Blind cave eel                              | <i>Ophisternon candidum</i>       | Vulnerable            | WA                       |
| Murray cod                                  | <i>Maccullochella peelii</i>      | Vulnerable            | Murray Darling<br>system |
| Whale shark                                 | <i>Rhincodon typus</i>            | Vulnerable            | WA, NT                   |



## Reptiles

| Name                               | Scientific name                   | Threat level          | Location/state      |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Victorian grassland earless dragon | <i>Tympanocryptis pinguicolla</i> | Critically endangered | VIC                 |
| Christmas Island blue-tailed Skink | <i>Cryptoblepharus egeriae</i>    | Critically endangered | Christmas<br>Island |
| Pilbara olive python               | <i>Liasis olivaceus barroni</i>   | Critically endangered | WA                  |
| Leaf-scaled sea snake              | <i>Aipysurus foliosquama</i>      | Critically endangered | NW coast            |
| Loggerhead turtle                  | <i>Caretta caretta</i>            | Endangered            | National            |
| Heath cool-skink                   | <i>Carinascincus orocryptus</i>   | Endangered            | TAS                 |
| Yellow-snouted gecko               | <i>Lucasium occultum</i>          | Endangered            | NT                  |
| Plains death adder                 | <i>Acanthophis hawkei</i>         | Vulnerable            | Northern Aus        |
| Irwin's turtle                     | <i>Elseya irwini</i>              | Vulnerable            | QLD                 |
| Yinnietharra rock-dragon           | <i>Ctenophorus yinnietharra</i>   | Vulnerable            | WA                  |





## Birds

| Name                       | Scientific name                                               | Threat level          | Location/state    |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Regent honeyeater          | <i>Anthochaera phrygia</i>                                    | Critically endangered | VIC, NSW          |
| Swift parrot               | <i>Lathamus discolor</i>                                      | Critically endangered | TAS, SE coast     |
| Eastern curlew             | <i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>                              | Critically endangered | Coastal regions   |
| Night parrot               | <i>Pezoporus occidentalis</i>                                 | Critically endangered | QLD, WA           |
| Carnaby's cockatoo         | <i>Calyptorhynchus latirostris</i> = <i>Zanda latirostris</i> | Endangered            | WA                |
| Tasmanian azure kingfisher | <i>Ceyx azureus diemenensis</i>                               | Endangered            | TAS               |
| Mallee emu wren            | <i>Stipiturus mallee</i>                                      | Endangered            | SA, VIC           |
| Diamond firetail           | <i>Stagonopleura guttata</i>                                  | Vulnerable            | QLD, VIC, NSW, SA |
| Princess parrot            | <i>Polytelis alexandrae</i>                                   | Vulnerable            | WA, NT, SA        |
| Masked owl (Tasmanian)     | <i>Tyto novaehollandiae castanops</i> (Tasmanian population)  | Vulnerable            | TAS               |



## Mammals

| Name                        | Scientific name                                                           | Threat level            | Location/state         |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Leadbeater's possum         | <i>Gymnobelideus leadbeateri</i>                                          | Critically endangered   | VIC                    |
| Northern hairy-nosed wombat | <i>Lasiorhinus krefftii</i>                                               | Critically endangered   | QLD                    |
| Southern Bent-wing Bat      | <i>Miniopterus orianae bassanii</i>                                       | Critically endangered   | VIC, SA                |
| Mountain pygmy-possum       | <i>Burramys parvus</i>                                                    | Endangered              | NSW, VIC               |
| Southern right whale        | <i>Eubalaena australis</i>                                                | Endangered              | Southern coasts        |
| Spotted-tail quoll          | <i>Dasyurus maculatus maculatus</i> (SE mainland population)              | Endangered              | SE Aus                 |
| Australian sea-lion         | <i>Neophoca cinerea</i>                                                   | Endangered              | WA, SA                 |
| Greater glider              | <i>Petauroides volans</i>                                                 | Endangered              | Eastern Aus            |
| Australian snubfin dolphin  | <i>Orcaella heinsohni</i>                                                 | Vulnerable (added 2025) | North & Eastern coasts |
| Yellow-footed rock-wallaby  | <i>Petrogale xanthopus celeris</i> / <i>Petrogale xanthopus xanthopus</i> | Vulnerable              | QLD, SA, NSW           |





## Other animals

| Name                              | Scientific name                      | Threat level          | Location/state |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Boggomoss snail                   | <i>Adclarkia dawsonensis</i>         | Critically endangered | QLD            |
| Australian fritillary butterfly   | <i>Argynnis hyperbius inconstans</i> | Critically endangered | NSW            |
| Margaret River burrowing crayfish | <i>Engaewa pseudoreducta</i>         | Critically endangered | WA             |
| Kangaroo Island assassin spider   | <i>Zephyrarchaea austini</i>         | Critically endangered | SA             |
| Cauliflower soft coral            | <i>Dendronephthya australis</i>      | Endangered            | NSW            |
| Eltham copper butterfly           | <i>Paralucia pyrodiscus lucida</i>   | Endangered            | VIC            |
| Sydney hawk dragonfly             | <i>Austrocordulia leonardi</i>       | Endangered            | NSW            |
| Simson's stag beetle              | <i>Hoplogonus simsoni</i>            | Vulnerable            | TAS            |
| Giant Gippsland earthworm         | <i>Megascolides australis</i>        | Vulnerable            | VIC            |
| Golden sun moth                   | <i>Synemon plana</i>                 | Vulnerable            | VIC, ACT, NSW  |



## Plants

| Name                        | Scientific name                                           | Threat level          | Location/state |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Blay's wattle               | <i>Acacia blayana</i>                                     | Critically endangered | VIC, NSW       |
| White star-bush             | <i>Asterolasia asteriscophora</i> subsp. <i>albiflora</i> | Critically endangered | VIC            |
| Cactus dryandra             | <i>Banksia aurantia</i>                                   | Critically endangered | WA             |
| Small-flowered snottygobble | <i>Persoonia micranthera</i>                              | Critically endangered | WA             |
| Little kangaroo paw         | <i>Anigozanthos bicolor</i> subsp. <i>minor</i>           | Endangered            | WA             |
| Granite boronia             | <i>Boronia granitica</i>                                  | Endangered            | NSW, QLD       |
| Pink-lipped spider-orchid   | <i>Caladenia behrii</i>                                   | Endangered            | SA             |
| Wongan cactus               | <i>Daviesia euphorbioides</i>                             | Endangered            | WA             |
| Queensland white gum        | <i>Eucalyptus argophloia</i>                              | Vulnerable            | QLD            |
| Swamp everlasting           | <i>Xerochrysum palustre</i>                               | Vulnerable            | VIC, TAS, NSW  |

