

# Fauna Spotting, Identification and Forensics

## Full Day Workshop

**Course Overview:** Participants will gain an understanding of the processes, skills, equipment and requirements used in locating, identifying and dealing with wildlife in preclearing assessments, rescue and relocation operations and other spotter catcher activities. Participants will also gain familiarity with the legislation, codes of practice and risks management when working around wildlife.

**Who should attend:** It is specifically designed for people in QLD looking to gain employment in an area of wildlife management such as spotter/catching, habitat evaluation, field research, rescue and rehabilitation, or a role where wildlife skills are required.

**Course Content:** The session will introduce the methods used to assess the presence or absence of wildlife, using forensic techniques utilising a range of commonly encountered wildlife materials such as scats, skins, feathers, plus sounds, smells and tracks. In addition, some live wildlife will be presented for identification purposes, particularly those who prove challenging to recognise in the field. This will include a discussion on the management of the various fauna groups when encountered in field situations such as surveys/trapping.

The session will also discuss safe, humane handling, containment/transport techniques with consideration of contemporary risk management and animal welfare requirements. It will provide useful contacts and suggest ways to develop handling and care skills, discuss the protocols required in emergency and short term care. It will highlight issues such as trauma, capture myopathy, acceptable methods of euthanasia, and the timing, location and successful methods used to release relocated fauna using the relevant codes.

We are flexible in our delivery and well-equipped to tailor the workshop to meet your unique requirements.

### Want to know more...

If you're interested in furthering your knowledge and skills, courses can be delivered on site and can be customised to suit your business needs...

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**Facilitator**  
Martin Fingland has had 25 years' experience working in the wildlife and park management sphere, in a variety of government and private sector positions. He is currently operating a wildlife education business and teaching at TAFE; he has written and/or contributed to a wide number of wildlife publications and has the following relevant qualifications: Ba. App. Science, Protected Area Management UQ; Assoc. Dip. App. Science, Wilderness Reserves & Wildlife Management UQ, Cert. IV Workplace Assessment & Training TAFE.