

# About National Feral Cat and Fox Management Coordination

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The National Feral Cat and Fox Management Coordination Program (NFCFMCP) aims to communicate and drive the adoption of effective and humane feral cat and fox control on a national and local scale to reduce their impacts on threatened species, other native wildlife, agriculture, and human health.

Through hunting, competition and the spread of disease, these two invasive, introduced predators pose a major threat to wildlife and livestock.

## Did you know?

- Cats and foxes are not native to Australia.
- Feral cats and foxes are a key threat to many native animals and cause significant losses to agriculture.
- The diseases they carry can also affect humans.

## What we do

The program coordinates and supports effective feral cat and fox management across all states and territories in Australia, by:

- raising awareness of the devastating impacts posed by feral cats and foxes
- promoting and supporting best practice tools for effective and humane control of feral cats and foxes
- facilitating engagement between state governments, natural resource management groups, land managers, farmers and other non-government organisations, to work together to promote regional scale humane, effective and justifiable feral cat and fox control
- seeking to improve inclusion and consideration of First Nations communities.

## FERAL CATS

Key threat to

**over 200**

nationally listed  
threatened species

Population fluctuates

**1.4 ↔ 5.6 m\***

depending on conditions

\*excludes urban and peri-urban cats

Estimated

**\$12m/year**

cost to agricultural sector

Dispersed across

**99% of Aus**

including many offshore  
islands

## EUROPEAN FOXES

Estimated

**\$51m/year**

annual cost to agricultural

Estimated

**1.7 million**

in Australia

Key threat to

**over 95**

nationally listed threatened  
species

Dispersed across

**80% of Aus**



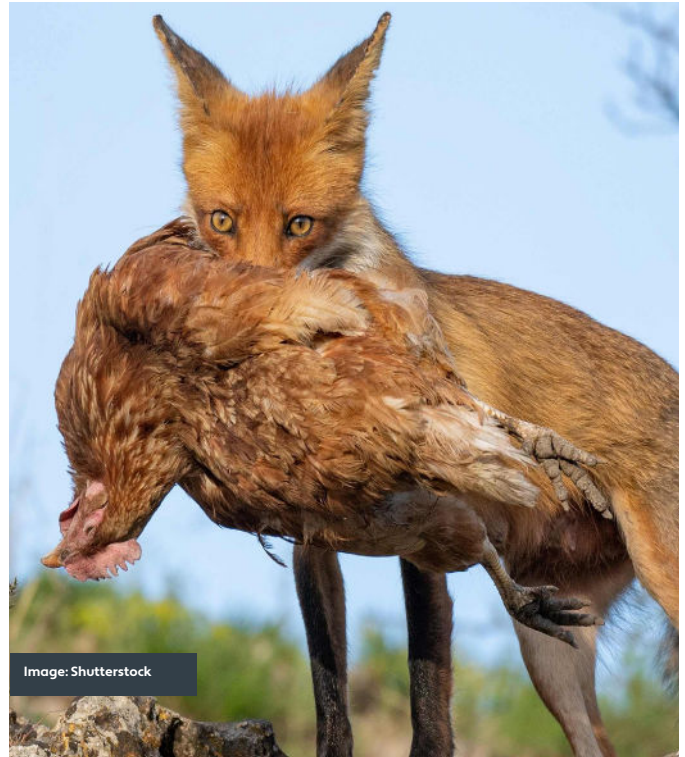
## Our resources

The NFCFMCP shares resources to help landholders and managers, producers and other groups to manage feral cats and foxes. Some of these are:

- [FeralScan](#) is a free community-designed website and smartphone app that allows you to record observations and evidence of foxes and feral cats and control actions in your local area.
- [PestSmart](#) provides science-based resources, tools, and strategies for effective management of invasive vertebrate pests, supporting land managers, farmers, and communities.
- [Glovebox Guides, Management Guides, and Field Guides](#) are concise, practical booklets designed to assist land managers and farmers in effectively managing feral cats and foxes.
- [The NFCFMCP monthly newsletter](#) will keep you up to date on the latest feral cat and fox news.

Find these resources and more on our website at: [www.feralcatandfox.com.au](http://www.feralcatandfox.com.au).

**Our website provides information about feral cat and fox impacts and the tools available to manage them.**



## More information

Head to our website or email us to find out more about the impacts of feral cats and foxes, access resources and see how you can get involved:

**W:** [www.feralcatandfox.com.au](http://www.feralcatandfox.com.au)  
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## Meet your National Feral Cat and Fox Management Coordinator

The National Feral Cat and Fox Management Coordinator, Gillian Basnett, is dedicated to raising awareness and supporting the implementation of best practice feral cat and fox management programs.

Gillian is an ecologist with experience in community engagement and natural resource management.

Gillian travels around Australia, raising awareness about the impacts of feral cats and foxes, promoting best practices in managing these invasive species, and coordinating management efforts. Gillian also supports farmers, landholders and community groups in choosing tools to manage feral cat and fox populations on their properties and in their programs.

