

Education Calendar

January to June 2024 (v1 January 2024)

** Venues and dates are subject to change



DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION	TIME	PREFERRED PRE-REQUISITES
February 2024				
Saturday 3 February	Reptiles (Basic) – Lizards	Upper Coomera	9.30am – 4.00pm	
Sunday 4 February	Native Birds (Basic) – Adults	Upper Coomera	9.30am – 3.30pm	
Sunday 18 February	Native Birds – Babies	Upper Coomera	9.30am – 3.30pm	
Sunday 25 February	Orientation / Rescue and First Aid for Wildlife (Basic)	Nerang	9.00am - 4.00pm	Wildcare members only See information on page 2
Wednesday 28 February	Possums – Adult Possums, Overnight care, Rescue tips and Disease.	Online via Zoom	6.30pm – 8.00pm	
March 2024				
Sunday 3 March	Lorikeets	Upper Coomera	9.30am - 12.00pm	
Sunday 3 March	Black & White Birds (Magpies, Currawongs, Butcherbirds etc)	Upper Coomera	12.30pm - 3.30pm	
Sunday 10 March	Caring for Orphaned Mammals	Upper Coomera	9.30am - 4.00pm	
Sunday 17 March	Ducks & Ducklings	Upper Coomera	9.30am – 3.00pm	
Sunday 24 March	Possums (Advanced) with Dr Robyn Stenner	Nerang	9.30am – 4.00pm	Non-members welcome to attend at no charge *
April 2024				
Saturday 20 April	Orientation / Rescue and First Aid for Wildlife	Beerwah	9.00am – 4.00pm	Wildcare members only See information on page 2
Sunday 21 April	Orientation / Rescue and First Aid for Wildlife	Nerang	9.00am – 4.00pm	Wildcare members only See information on page 2
May 2024				
Saturday 4 May	Reptiles – Snakes	Upper Coomera	9.30am - 4.00pm	
Saturday 11 May	Possums (Basic)	Upper Coomera	9.30am – 4.00pm	
Sunday 26 May	Wildlife Rescue (Advanced)	Pomona	9.30am – 4.00pm	
June 2024				
Sunday 9 June	Orientation / Rescue and First Aid for Wildlife (Basic)	Nerang	9.00am - 4.00pm	Wildcare members only See information on page 2
Sunday 16 June	Echidnas	Upper Coomera	9.30am – 4.00pm	

*Wildcare members will be given preference.

To register for workshops please complete the online form linked below (**preferred method**):

[Wildcare Online Workshop Registration Form](#)

or email education@wildcare.org.au

Important Information regarding Wildcare training workshops

The Wildcare education program is run entirely by volunteers. We aim to process registrations and respond to emails as promptly as possible, however our education team members do work full-time in other paid employment and undertake their volunteer roles after-hours in their spare time.

Registrations

- ☐ Please register as early as possible – late registrations may not be able to be processed.
- ☐ Due to high demand, workshops will fill quickly – register early to avoid disappointment.
- ☐ We are currently not accepting workshop registrations from non-members due to the high demand of registrations from our own members **with the exception of the Advanced Macropod and Microbat workshops**. Non-members are welcome to join however so you can attend the workshops.
- ☐ Wildcare maintains the right to provide preference for workshop registrations to members who hold a Wildcare Permit Authorisation (or who intend to apply for a Wildcare Permit). Members who hold a Permit with another wildlife group will be given secondary preference, if there are adequate places available.
- ☐ Members who do not attend a registered workshop without providing an apology, may have their other workshop registrations cancelled.
- ☐ Workshop registrations are subject to availability and satisfaction of any pre-requisites listed.

The right of admission to any Wildcare Australia Inc. training workshop or event is hereby expressly reserved. In particular, we reserve the right to deny registration, refuse entry to, or remove from, any Wildcare workshop or event, any person(s) who are under the influence of alcohol, whose conduct is unlawful, disorderly or offensive, or who is not entitled to attend the event. Any person who causes a disturbance, engages in inappropriate behaviour or refuses to comply with reasonable requests from the trainer or other authorised person may be asked to leave the premises and be refused admission to any further Wildcare Australia Inc. training workshops and/or events.

Orientation / Rescue and First Aid for Wildlife (Basic)

Prior to attending this workshop, it is a requirement that you have read through the Volunteer Manual in full before attending. A link to the Volunteer Manual is emailed to you when you join and is also available on our website under the Carers Resources tab.

Workshop Costs

All workshops listed on this Education Calendar are free for current financial members and includes a copy of the training manual (where available) in digital format. Non-members attending the Advanced Macropod or Microbat workshop may be asked to pay a \$20 workshop fee.

Children at Workshops

Due to the restricted number of people we are able to have at the venue, only members over **the age of 16 years** are permitted to attend workshops until further notice. Once we are able to have more people at the venue, we will be able to reintroduce younger members attending. We understand that this may be disappointing, but we must give priority to adult members who are in a position to immediately commence rescuing and caring for wildlife. **Please note that only 2 children per family membership can be registered due to restricted numbers.**

If there is space available at any of the workshops, we may be able to make an exception to this requirement however we will not be able to confirm until the week prior to the scheduled date.

Workshop Attendance and Etiquette

Please remember that the Wildcare training workshops are conducted by volunteers, who invest substantial time into developing and delivering the Wildcare training program. Please be considerate – if you are no longer able to attend a workshop, please advise the Trainer as soon as possible. There will be a waiting list for most workshops and your place can be offered to someone else. If you do not attend and do not send an apology BEFORE the workshop, other workshop registrations may be forfeited.

Please ensure that you arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled commencement time to allow access to the training facility and to ensure minimal disruption to the Trainer and fellow attendees.

You are expected to stay for the entire duration of the workshop. If you expect to be late or need to leave early, please discuss this with the Education Team at the time of registration. You cannot be absent for more than ~30 minutes of a workshop to obtain credit for attendance.

Members that repeatedly register for workshops and fail to attend may have future registrations cancelled.

Workshop Pre-Requisites

Please take note of the pre-requisites noted on the Calendar. Some pre-requisites need to be enforced to ensure the training meets the expectations of the attendees. However, we understand that often workshops are not offered in order so some flexibility can be provided which will enable you to complete a workshop before attending the pre-requisite workshop. You can then complete the pre-requisite workshop at a future date. If you have any questions about the pre-requisites, please contact us at the time of registration.

Training Material

All training manuals are provided free of charge in digital PDF format via a Dropbox link following the training. Limited quantities of printed copies of manuals are available for most training workshops (manuals vary in price).

Provision of Wildcare training resources and manuals is conditional upon all participants agreeing that the material is considered copyright to Wildcare and no person may distribute it to any other group, organisation or person without written approval of the Wildcare Education Coordinator. Failure to comply with this condition may result in disciplinary action and/or membership termination.

Certificate of Attendance

A Certificate of Attendance will be emailed to workshop attendees in PDF format once they have completed the training workshop. Attendees that leave before completion of the workshop will not be eligible for a Certificate of Attendance. Please allow two (2) weeks for the Certificate to be emailed to you prior to contacting the Education Team.

Specialised Requirements

If you have any specialised requirements that may affect your ability to attend the training workshops or have a learning disability, please contact us to discuss ways in which we can assist you.

Recording Workshop Content

No workshop material is permitted to be recorded or photographed during any Wildcare workshop. This includes taking photographs of any PowerPoint presentations and demonstrations. It also includes recording (video and/or audio format) of any content. This requirement ensures the protection, privacy and intellectual property of fellow workshop participants. If you wish to photograph/record any workshop content, permission must be obtained from the workshop trainer BEFORE doing so.

Individuals who do not comply with this guideline may be asked to leave. If any workshop participant has any concerns or questions regarding this guideline, please speak with the Wildcare Education Coordinator.

Workshop training workshops

The information below is a summary of the current workshops offered by Wildcare. For a more detailed description, please refer to your Volunteer Manual.

Orientation Program/Rescue and First Aid for Native Wildlife (Basic)

Compulsory for new members wishing to rescue/care for wildlife. Covers an overview of Wildcare and basic rescue techniques to enable members to commence undertaking general, simple wildlife rescues.

Wildlife Rescue (Advanced)

Koala rescues, adult macropod rescues and high-risk rescues.

Caring for Orphaned Mammals

Recommended for all wildlife rescuers/carers. Prerequisite if you wish to care for orphaned joeys or wish to attend species-specific workshops e.g. Possums (Basic), Gliders and Bandicoots.

Native Birds (Basic)

Identification, rescue, assessment, handling, feeding techniques, housing, anatomy, injuries and disease. Recommended for ALL wildlife rescuers/carers.

Native Birds (Baby)

Training for volunteers able to assist with reuniting baby birds that have been unnecessarily removed from their parents. For anyone who is unable to care for babies this is a perfect way to be able to help. Learn how different species can be reunited.

Native Ducks, Ducklings and Waterbirds

Identification, housing, handling, equipment, feeding, injuries and disease

Lorikeets and Black/White Birds

Identification, housing, handling, equipment, feeding, injuries and disease

Possums (Basic)

Identification, housing, handling, equipment, feeding, injuries and disease.

Lizards

Identification, housing, handling, equipment, feeding, injuries and disease

Snakes

Identification, housing, handling, equipment, feeding, injuries and disease

Echidnas

Rescue, triage and assessment, rehabilitation.

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