

Wildlife Ranger

Careers



A Wildlife Ranger job is highly rewarding, diverse and provides exciting challenges. If you love all forms of native wildlife, want to help protect our native species and be involved with problem animal management then this is the job for you.

Being a Wildlife Ranger requires a high level of motivation, passion and a good level of fitness.

Wildlife Rangers at work

Depending on the region, roles carried out by Wildlife Rangers include:

Wildlife Management

- Taking part in problem wildlife control programs and providing advice to others.
- Providing technical assistance to other departments in regards to feral animal management.
- Monitoring the snake removal hotline, providing the appropriate advice, removal and relocation of the animals as required.
- Monitoring the crocodile sightings hotline and taking appropriate action when sightings or other information is reported.
- Trapping, capturing and removing crocodiles.
- Maintaining crocodile traps and equipment.
- Assisting with sample collections from crocodiles and other wildlife for research.

- Surveying crocodile and waterfowl populations by boat and plane.
- Assisting with scientific surveys and the protection of threatened and endangered species populations.
- Working with other organisations in relation to mistreated or problem animals.

Community Engagement

- Providing information to people, businesses and school groups in relation to native wildlife, pest animals, permits and wildlife crime.

Law Enforcement

- Assisting in audits on individual and commercial wildlife permit holders.
- Investigating information received in relation to possible criminal activity, unlawful treatment or possession of wildlife.
- Assisting with patrols and compliance duties during Waterfowl Hunting Season.
- Assisting in gathering intelligence through database checks, photographs and any other available means.
- Assisting with warrants, searches and compiling prosecution briefs of evidence.
- Assisting in the formal interview process of suspects and witnesses.

What does it take to be a Wildlife Ranger in the NT?

- An appropriate tertiary qualification in Natural Resource/Park Management, Conservation and Land Management or a related discipline. If you wish to obtain information on courses, contact a relevant University or TAFE.
- Some field experience in conservation or land management areas.
- Good communication skills.
- Experience in animal handling and identification.
- Current NT Class "C" Driver's license and a current "Provide First Aid" Certificate (or ability to obtain);
- A good level of physical fitness and willingness to handle wild animals.

Volunteering

Wildlife Ranger jobs are highly sought after and limited in number with many students undertaking some form of volunteer or work experience in parks, zoos, fire-fighting, tour guiding or other relevant work places before applying for jobs.

Volunteering and/or becoming a member of a "Friends" group is a great way to gain valuable



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Wildlife Ranger . . . Working for the Parks and Wildlife Commission NT is not just a job, it's a lifestyle!

experience and make contacts to help kick start your career as a Ranger or land manager.

Below is a list of relevant volunteer groups currently active in the NT:

- Alice Springs Field Naturalists
- Bushfires NT
- Conservation Volunteers Australia
- Friends of the Botanic Gardens
- Friends of Casuarina Conservation Reserve
- Friends of the Desert Park
- Friends of Fogg Dam
- Friends of the Larapinta Trail
- Landcare NT
- NT Field Naturalists
- Northern Territory Emergency Services
- Wildcare Inc. Alice Springs
- Wildcare Inc. NT

Remember to consider which park or "Friends" group would provide the best opportunities for the type of experience you require, as Ranger jobs vary from park to park.

Volunteering in our Parks and Reserves is also an option and you will need to be 16 years and over. Please note placements depend on staff resources and are not available in all our parks.

Visit our website or contact our Volunteer Programs Coordinator for further information -

p: (08) 8999 3821 or
e: volunteer.parks@nt.gov.au
w: parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au

Work Experience

Parks and Wildlife supports secondary school work experience by providing two week-long placements, four times a year (in week 10). Students are offered the opportunity to work alongside Park Rangers, Wildlife Rangers and office staff during this week. Placement is dependent on staffing resources so may not be available at all times.

Contact **(08) 8999 4555** for more information and remember to book in early!

Indigenous Employment

As a Northern Territory Government (NTG) agency and joint management partner, the Parks and Wildlife Commission is committed to improving Indigenous employment within the Northern Territory. Parks and Wildlife has therefore identified a number of employment and apprenticeship opportunities for indigenous people and/or groups. For more information contact our Capacity Building and Indigenous Engagement team at cbie.pwcnt@nt.gov.au or phone (08) 8951 8250.



Want to Apply?

All Parks and Wildlife vacancies are advertised on the NTG Jobs website: jobs.nt.gov.au
All employment decisions are made on the basis of merit and job requirements.

If you are keen to work for Parks and Wildlife but can't see any jobs advertised, don't give up, give us a call and we will provide you with the information you need to kick start your career.

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