

WildCount

OEH2014/061 Common Wombat, *Vombatus ursinus* © S. Cottrell



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VOLUNTEERING WITH THE NSW WILDCOUNT MONITORING PROGRAM

The 2016 WildCount field season experience is now open. WildCount is a broadscale monitoring program, established in 2012 to detect long-term changes in the distribution of common fauna species such as wombat, possum and wallaby.

During late February to May volunteers assist staff monitoring 200 sites across our national parks and reserves of NSW. As a volunteer you will have an opportunity to work alongside staff in remote places rarely seen by visitors. Field trips are 5 days (4 nights) from Monday to Friday with all meals, motel-style accommodation and transport provided during the week.

AS A VOLUNTEER YOU WILL BE:

- setting up motion-sensitive cameras
- using GPS and Spot Tracker navigation tools
- recording basic habitat and floristic data

Due to the nature of the work and the remote location of some sites, volunteers will require a good level of fitness and willingness to trek off-track through thick vegetation over rough terrain.

Volunteers will also need to be prepared to travel long distances in four-wheel drive vehicles in all weather conditions. Office-based volunteering work may also be available, involving data processing, planning and logistics.

Volunteers will be required to supply/bring personal items and clothing including:

- sturdy walking shoes
- long sleeved shirts and pants
- wet weather clothing
- warm jacket
- hat and sunscreen.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering on the WildCount Program please visit:

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/animals/wildcount.htm

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