

Ringtail Tally Autumn 2019

A citizen science survey of Western Ringtail Possums



The results of the **5th** Ringtail Tally are in!

Since **2016**, our community has been building a set of observation data that is improving knowledge about critically endangered Western Ringtail Possum populations in the Geographe Bay Catchment.

A Snapshot Of Results April - May 2019



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Residents took part in the Tally

Of 48 sites surveyed,

100%

had ringtails!



25 sites were observed with young



701 possum sightings of which **175** were identified as different individuals



A total of **116 hours** were spent looking out for possums, across **263** evening surveys

51% of reports on ringtails feeding were in peppermint trees

Average number seen during a survey



2.7

Of **16** reported deaths (seen this year),

94% were due to road kills,

6% dogs & cats



Where we saw Ringtails

The **HIGHEST NUMBER** of possums per survey occurred at **Busselton, Dunsborough & West Busselton**

TO PROTECT OUR RINGTAILS, protect your peppies, keep cats and dogs indoors at night, plant native gardens and drive carefully at night.

Missed the tally?

Send any sighting info to fauna@dbca.wa.gov.au where your important data will be added to the Western Ringtail Possum database or participate in the next possum tally.

NEXT SURVEY: Keep an eye out for our 2020 Autumn Survey online at www.geocatch.asn.au or contact GeoCatch on 9781 0111 or geocatch@dwer.wa.gov.au.



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