



Fauna Technical Note No. 9: Record sheet for fauna observations



The Fauna Technical Note Series provides information for Forest Practices Officers on fauna management in production forests. These technical notes are advisory guidelines and should be read in conjunction with the requirements of the Forest Practices Code.

The technical notes can be accessed on the Forest Practices Authority's website: www.fpa.tas.gov.au.

Recording fauna observations for the NVA

This technical note presents a fauna record sheet that can be used by FPOs and other field workers to record details of potentially significant fauna sightings or observations. It prompts the recorder to take down the details that are useful when entering observations into the Natural Values Atlas (NVA) database.

The NVA is a database of flora and fauna records established and administered by the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE). It has a web-interface and can be accessed via the DPIPWE website: www.naturalvaluesatlas.dpiw.tas.gov.au. If you are not already a registered user you will need to request access. A shared access password for a workplace can be set up.

The NVA can be used to search for information on plant and animal species state-wide and can display maps showing their location. For the database to be as comprehensive and up-to-date as possible it is important that all field observations are added as new database records for others to see.

To ensure your potentially significant fauna records become accessible to others via the NVA please either lodge them directly with DPIPWE (by entering details into the approved NVA data spreadsheet which can be uploaded or emailed – visit the abovementioned website for more details) OR send your completed hardcopy fauna records sheets to the FPA (see below), addressed for the attention of Biodiversity Program Staff, so that FPA can pass on this information.

Field workers are also urged to lodge records for potentially significant flora observations. Flora Technical Note 3 (available on the FPA website: www.fpa.tas.gov.au) may assist with recording the relevant information for plant records.

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FPA fauna record sheet (use one per species and site)

Please send this sheet to the FPA Biodiversity Program **OR** enter record details into an approved Natural Values Atlas spreadsheet (downloaded from www.naturalvaluesatlas.dpipwe.tas.gov.au) and lodge with the NVA directly

Species					
Observer					
Recorder (if different from observer)					
Location (e.g. nearest town and road)					
Tenure		Coupe number and/or property ID, if known			
Grid reference (MGA94)	Easting:		Northing:		Location Accuracy (+/-)
Date	/	/	Time		
Observation of ... (circle one or many)	sighting - scat - call - nest - road kill - digging - eggs - shed - other (specify)				
Specimen collected? (if yes, specify type, condition and where lodged)					
Observation notes (e.g. activity seen)					
Reproductive status	Male - female - juvenile - dependant young (note other details below)				
Abundance notes (estimate number of individuals at this site and indicate accuracy)					
Population notes (include estimates of area occupied and health of individuals)					
Further site details	Terrestrial / Aquatic	Slope:	Aspect:	Geology:	
	Other notes:				
Habitat	rainforest - wet forest - dry forest - woodland - moorland - coastal - heathland - grassland - pasture - other(specify)				
Observed habitat disturbance					
Threats (including proposed land use)					

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