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NSW plantation owner/ manager notification

Unique or Special Wildlife Values

*This form is to be used by plantation owners/managers to provide notice of impact or likely impact of plantation operations on unique or special wildlife values under the Plantations and Reafforestation Act 1999*

Plantation owners and managers responsibilities

Plantation owners or managers have a statutory responsibility to notify the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Plantation Regulation Unit as soon as they become aware that plantation operations have or are likely to have an impact on unique or special wildlife values within an authorised plantation.

For the purposes of the Act, land has unique or special wildlife values if—

(a) any unique or special wildlife grows on or inhabits the land, or

(b) any such wildlife is likely to grow on or inhabit the land.

Unique or special wildlife is—

(a) any endangered species, endangered ecological community, or extinct species, within the meaning of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, being a species of (or ecological community that includes) a vascular plant, amphibian, bird, mammal, or reptile, or

(b) any endangered species, endangered ecological community or species presumed extinct (within the meaning of Part 7A of *the Fisheries Management Act 1994*), being a species of (or ecological community that includes) fish.

Unique or special wildlife does not include any tree or shrub that is planted on an authorised plantation in the course of establishment or other operations on the plantation.

For notification contacts see the [Plantations Regulation webpage.](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forestry/plantations)

The form can also be emailed to [forests@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:forests@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

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| Authorisation Information | |
| Plantation Owner / Manager |  |
| Authorisation Number |  |
| Address |  |
| Lot/DP |  |

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| Details |  |
| Contact name |  |
| Contact email and phone number |  |
| Date notification sent |  |
| Unique or special wildlife  (species/ community) |  |

Optional Information

The following information may be provided to assist Department of Primary Industries in assessing the impact or likely impact on unique or special wildlife values.

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| Unique or special wildlife presence or likely presence in the authorised plantation |
| * *Provide information on the endangered species, populations or ecological communities known or likely to be found in the area of operation – this could include habitat requirements, estimates of abundance, key threatening processes, whether there are threat abatement or recovery plans available.* * *Provide a description of the location, type, size and condition of the habitats (including critical habitat) of endangered species, populations and ecological communities – this description should include details of the distribution and condition of similar habitats in the area likely to be affected.*      Note: The qualifications and experience of the individuals involved in preparing the unique or special wildlife information should be provided. |

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| Impact or likely impact of plantation operations on unique or special wildlife values |
| * *Provide description of the nature, extent, location, timing and layout of the proposed plantation operations.* * *Provide a description of how the specified plantation operations have, will or are likely to impact on the unique or special wildlife values of the plantation.*        Note: The qualifications and experience of the individuals involved in preparing the unique or special wildlife information should be provided. |

Getting help

For further information or to notify of USWV please contact your local [DPI Plantation Officer](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forestry/plantations).

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