



Cape York

Mammals Expedition - 6 days

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This 6 days/5 nights Cape York Mammals Expedition targets some of the Cape York endemic mammals with a list of just over 30 target species and about just as many incidental species. Most of these mammals are at least partly nocturnal. Expect long outings at night and shorter daytime searches for bats and mammals that are also active in daylight. The expedition will take us all the way from Cairns to Kutini-Payamu/Iron Range NP and back, covering different kinds of habitat.

Day 1 – Cairns - Musgrave

Our fairly long drive from Cairns to Musgrave will allow for a few stops to check bat roosts, and will possibly deliver some macropods. Our main target for the day will be **Cape York Rock-wallaby**. Common Wallaroo will also be a target. There is always a chance of seeing **Dingo**. Our nighttime session will have us explore Lakefield NP for rodents, macropods and bats.

Accommodation: Musgrave Roadhouse

Day 2 – Day 5— Iron Range NP

After breakfast, we will make our way to Iron Range NP. We should arrive sometime late afternoon, have a quick rest before dinner, and then head out for our first nocturnal session in Iron Range NP. We will be looking for mammals in different habitats, but mainly rainforest during the nights of days 2, 3 and 4. Night sessions can go until 2am of the next day. Some of our main targets are **Southern Common Cuscus**, **Australian Spotted Cuscus**, Long-nosed Echymipera, Cape York Brown Bandicoot, **Bare-backed Fruit-bat**, **Dusky Leaf-nosed Bat**, Cape York Melomys and **Cinnamon Antechinus**. Which habitats are visited on a particular night will depend on circumstances/conditions at that point in time.

On days 3,4 and 5, two to three hours before lunch will be spent looking for roosting bats. Afternoons will be spent resting up to have the energy to be out for the long night out. If time permits and the conditions allow for it, a few hours in the afternoon will be spent looking for more roosting bats.

Accommodation: The Greenhouse (or alternative)

Day 5 — Iron Range NP - Musgrave

We will leave Iron Range NP in the morning to make our way back to Musgrave. We can try again for Cape York Rock-wallaby if we missed out on day 1. At night, we will further explore sites for species of bats and rodents around Musgrave and in Lakefield NP.

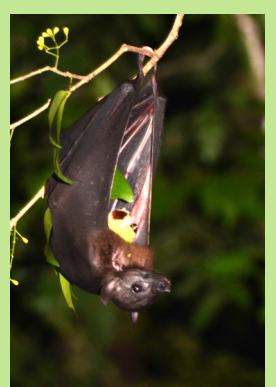
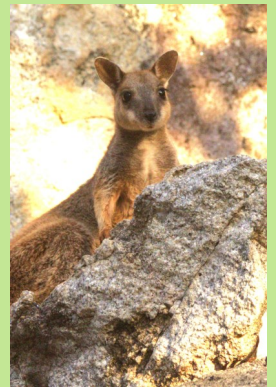
Accommodation: Musgrave

Day 6 — Musgrave - Cairns

Leaving Musgrave early morning and driving back to Cairns, we will again look for more roosting bats. If the tides are in our favour, we will target **Coastal Sheath-tailed Bat**.

Arrival in Cairns around 6pm the latest.

Accommodation: booked by guest (Cairns)



Tour dates, start/end

This tour is run twice a year, in June and November. Dates are advertised on the website. The tour starts in Cairns and ends in Cairns. Alternative start and end, or pick-up locations can be discussed.

Included in the tour price

The tour includes 6 daytime sessions and 5 nocturnal sessions, with afternoons used for resting if possible. Breakfast from day 2 is included. Lunch or dinner are not included in the tour fee. Accommodation (for 5 nights) is included in the tour price. Guests will have to arrange accommodation for the night before day 1 of the tour, and for the night of day 3 of the tour. Drinks, and snacks are not included.

What to bring and how to be well prepared

This tour involves some long stretches of driving on gravel roads. We will make regular stops to break up the long drives. If you have difficulty coping with longer periods of sitting, then please bring whatever you need (pillow, etc) to make your ride more comfortable.

Water bottles, mosquito spray and snacks are always good to have at hand. Footwear should be sturdy shoes, either hiking shoes or boots, or decent runners. Long-sleeved shirts and long trousers are always advised.

Please communicate any physical discomforts or health issues you may have well before the start of the tour. Terms & Conditions will be emailed with other booking documents.

Email patrick@eyesonwildlife.com.au , or phone on +61 439817214 if you wanted to book this tour, or wanted to inquire further.

