



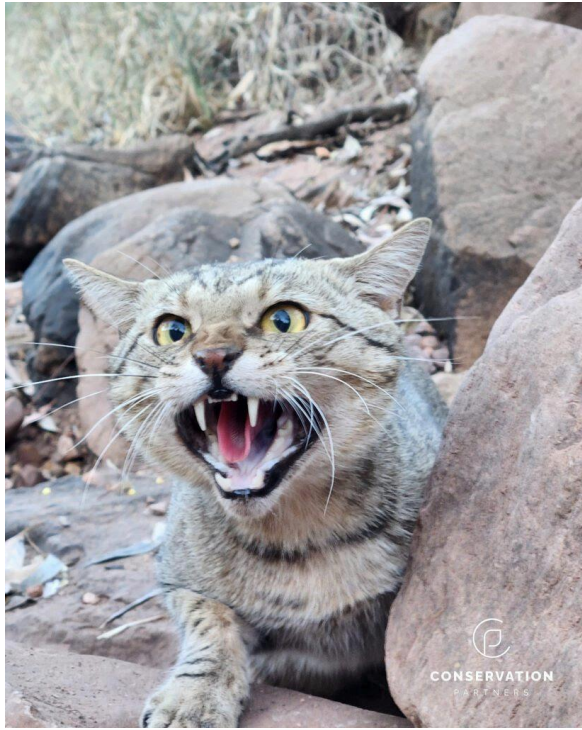
# CONSERVATION PARTNERS

## CHIDNA STATION

Over the past year, our work at Chidna Station has deepened our understanding of three key species while strengthening the scientific foundations that guide our on-ground management. For the Endangered [Carpentarian Grasswren](#), we completed the first long-term monitoring program on the property, conducting over 300 surveys and banding 17 birds. Chidna has now emerged as one of the species' most important strongholds. When a major wildfire swept through the property late in 2023, our monitoring showed just how vulnerable the species is—many known territories were lost. Yet crucial refuges persisted, especially around Mount Gordon, which also happens to be a highly valued area for copper extraction. These findings are now shaping targeted fire and habitat protection work on Chidna.



Alongside this, we delivered the first detailed ecological study of the Purple-necked Rock-wallaby, tracking eight individuals across rugged terrain. These wallabies maintained remarkably stable home ranges and relied heavily on steep, rocky habitats—areas that often overlap with [mining exploration](#). Encouragingly, they showed resilience following the 2023–24 wildfire, holding their territories even in partially burned landscapes. This gives us a stronger basis for negotiating practical mitigation measures with industry while ensuring these habitats remain intact.



Finally, our feral cat tracking program has transformed our ability to protect threatened wildlife at Chidna. Cats here roam over vast areas but concentrate heavily along watercourses and fire edges. Remarkably, less than 6% of the property accounts for nearly a quarter of all cat activity. This means that, armed with precise spatial data, we can now target control efforts where they will have the greatest impact—directly improving survival prospects for grasswrens, Gouldian Finches and other vulnerable species.

Together, these projects show what your support makes possible: high-quality science, rapid response to threats, and practical management grounded in evidence. The challenges are significant—fire, predators and development pressures are intensifying—but the path forward is clearer than ever. With continued investment from supporters like you, we can act decisively to protect these species and ensure Chidna remains a refuge for wildlife long into the future.

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**NIGHT PARROT**

This year our team completed a major Night Parrot survey effort across western Queensland. Across several field trips, including a three-week expedition, we deployed a total of 162 autonomous sound recorders. In one day alone, we installed 43 recorders across three cattle stations. Many of the recorders were so remote that access was only possible by helicopter.

Our survey sites include long unburnt spinifex landscapes where natural bare patches reduce fire spread and allow spinifex to grow into large, old hummocks. These are the kinds of places that still provide the dense shelter and nesting habitat that Night Parrots rely on, and they remain the focus of our search.

We have now retrieved all recorders from 11 properties across south-western Queensland. In total, we collected more than 187,000 hours of audio, the equivalent of over 21 years of continuous listening, amounting to 31.6 terabytes of data. This entire dataset is now being analysed by our custom AI Night Parrot call detector, with every potential call to be manually checked by expert listeners. We expect the full analysis to be complete by March 2026.

This work represents an important step in understanding where Night Parrots persist in the landscape. Your financial support is what allows us to continue this effort, protect high-value habitats, and follow up on any detections with the detailed fieldwork required to secure new populations.

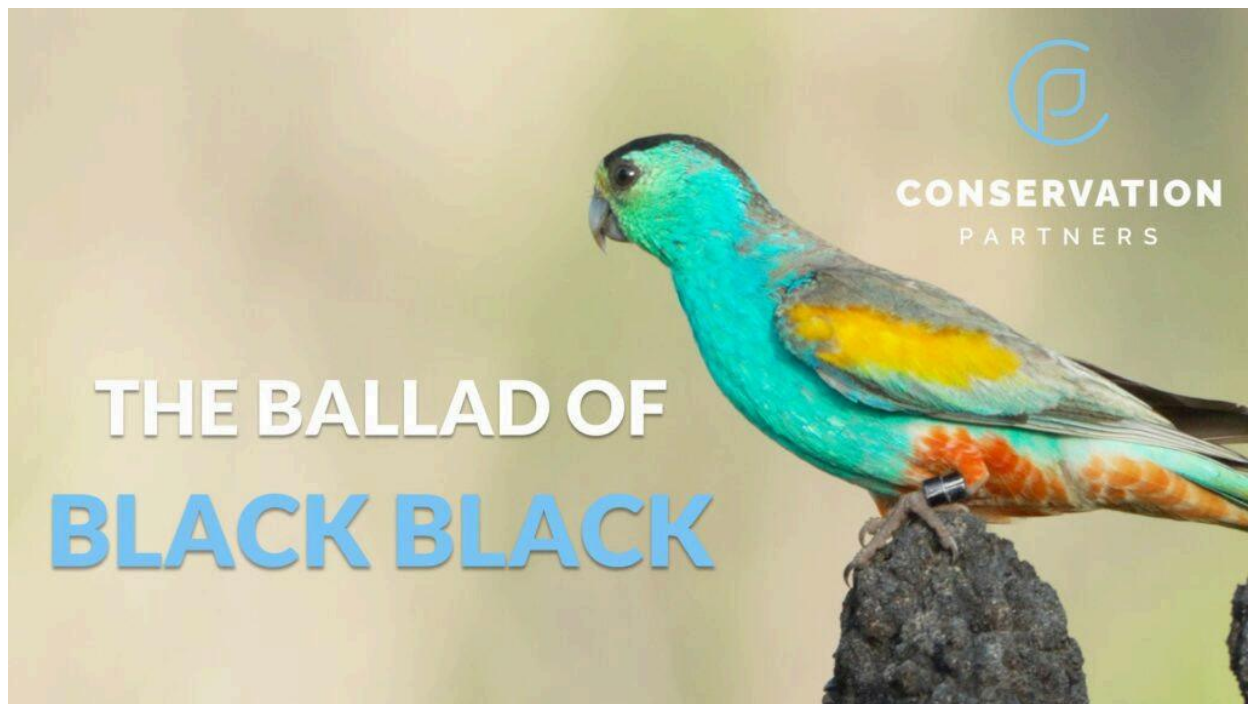


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### **GOLDEN-SHOULDERED PARROT UPDATE FROM ARTEMIS STATION**

Artemis Station has a famous resident called Black Black who has had a tumultuous life over recent years. We have been following along and want to share his story with you too. Check out our newest video - the saga of Artemis Station's most famous Golden-shouldered Parrot!

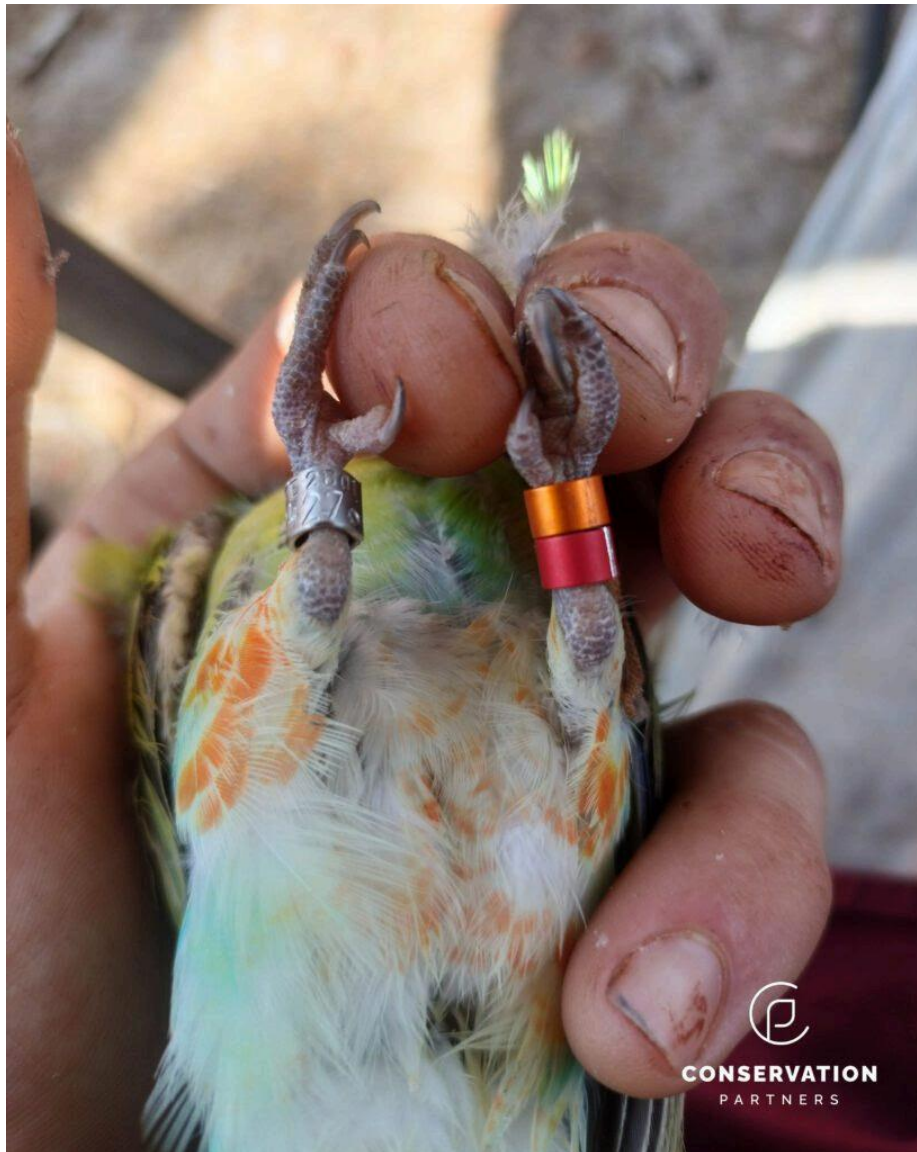


Over the past year, our team on Artemis Station has made important progress in tackling the threats facing the endangered Golden shouldered Parrot. We focused on protecting nests, improving food supply, and restoring key feeding and nesting areas through targeted destocking. This breeding season we located 13 nests and protected 12 using electric barrier fencing. By excluding predators and clearing vegetation around nest mounds, 32 chicks fledged. This is more than double the success of unprotected nests and provides a much needed boost to the population. Across the property, our four large destocking islands now cover more than 2,200 hectares and are showing strong native grass recovery. These areas are central to rebuilding the natural food base that Golden shouldered Parrots require to stay healthy.



In August and September we discovered four dead parrots near supplementary feeding stations. Necropsies revealed chronic nutritional stress that led to secondary infection. We responded immediately by upgrading to higher quality seed, improving hygiene, and installing stainless steel feeders. We will also reduce the reliance on feeding when natural conditions allow, so parrots can return to foraging on native grasses.

There have been hopeful signs as well. Our team recently colour banded 11 Golden shouldered Parrots, each one a confirmed survivor. Colour banding allows us to track movement, breeding and survival through time, helping us target management where it matters most. Watch our video about colour banding [here](#).



The message from this year is clear. **Intensive management works**, but the population remains fragile and the road to recovery is long. Restoring native grasses, protecting nests, and responding quickly to emerging threats all require sustained investment. Your financial support is essential. With your help we can keep expanding destocking areas, strengthen our nest protection program, and continue the science that guides every decision we make. Please consider making a donation to help secure the future of the Golden shouldered Parrot on Artemis Station.

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