

# Am I your Bush Bud?

## Spotted-tailed Quoll

### About me:

A top predator, the spotted-tailed quoll, or tiger quoll, is mainland Australia's largest carnivorous marsupial. It plays an important role in maintaining ecosystems by regulating the populations of many of its prey species, and keeping pest species in check like rabbits. Spotted-tailed quolls live in a wide variety of habitats including forests, woodlands, coastal heathlands and rainforests. They are mainly solitary animals and will make their dens in rock outcrops, small caves, hollow logs and hollows in standing trees. They use these dens for shelter and to raise their young.

Interestingly, Spotted-tailed quolls use communal latrine (toilet) sites. Quoll toilets are often on flat rocks among rocky outcrops and cliff lines or along rocky creek lines. Latrines are visited by multiple individuals and are recognisable by the accumulation of the characteristic 'twisty-shaped' faeces deposited by the animals



### Threats:

Since European settlement, the Spotted-tailed Quoll has declined in both distribution and abundance. This reduction in distribution and population has been caused by: loss, fragmentation and degradation of habitat; loss of potential den sites such as large hollow logs; and, the introduction of foxes and cats which prey on quolls and compete with them for food

## Become my Bush Bud!

Take a stand for Canberra's Nature and sign up to get the chance to walk with an expert in the habitat of the Spotted-tail Quoll!

