

# Spotted-tailed Quoll

*Dasyurus maculatus*  
*subsp. maculatus*

## Status

The quoll is classified as threatened in Victoria, with populations living in the state's eastern and south-western regions.



## Description

Spotted-tailed Quolls are the largest marsupial carnivore on mainland Australia and they are generally the size of a cat. Their fur colour can range from orange brown to chocolate brown to almost black and they are identifiable by their white spots.

## Habitat

The Spotted-tailed Quoll is mainly found in Tasmania but the damp Otway Ranges forests are known to have small isolated populations. They favour areas with dense forests and undergrowth and with rocks or fallen logs for dens.

## Threats

Habitat loss from land clearing since European settlement has resulted in their decline. Other threats include foxes and feral cats, poisons used to control introduced plant species and reduced habitat quality due to poor fire management regimes.

## What can you do?

Report any quoll sightings to the Department of Sustainability and Environment. Also, ensure fox and rabbit baiting control programs don't impact on quoll populations and prevent the removal of suitable quoll habitat, such as rocks and logs.