



PRIVATE LANDOWNER PROGRAM

# YOUR LAND CAN HELP WILDLIFE

A practical guide to offering private property for approved browse collection, wildlife release use and habitat mapping.



## Why participate?

Private land can contain valuable browse trees, habitat and release opportunities that are invisible to wildlife rehabilitators unless the information is shared. Habi-Food turns that local knowledge into structured, useful habitat intelligence.

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| <b>Support wildlife</b><br>Help authorised wildlife rehabilitators access suitable browse and identify potential habitat. | <b>Make better use of your property</b><br>Identify trees, habitat assets and ecological values already present on your land. |
| <b>Stay in control</b><br>You choose the type of access, conditions, time periods and rules that apply.                   | <b>Contribute to local knowledge</b><br>Your contribution can improve wildlife planning beyond a single property.             |

## What you are agreeing to

- You provide accurate property and access information to the best of your knowledge.
- Habi-Food reviews submissions before ecological records are published.
- Any visit by a wildlife rehabilitator is subject to your stated access rules and any required prior contact.
- You can specify no-go areas, access windows, parking arrangements, gates, dogs, hazards and other restrictions.
- Private contact details and security information should never be displayed in the public ecological dataset.

# How the mapping works

The method is deliberately simple so a landholder can create useful data without specialist GIS equipment.

- **1. Locate the property:** use a permitted satellite map or approved mapping service and identify the survey boundary.
- **2. Record the location:** enter the street address and GPS coordinates for the property/survey area.
- **3. Number trees:** start at Tree 1 and continue in a logical sequence. Each mapped tree has one number.
- **4. Record the same number in the spreadsheet:** Tree 1 on the map must be Tree 1 in the data table.
- **5. Add observations:** species, approximate size, condition, browse value, hazards and notes.
- **6. Upload:** submit the application/consent, map and spreadsheet together.

## Suggested tree fields

| Field          | What to record                                       |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Tree ID        | Unique number matching the map                       |
| GPS            | Latitude and longitude if available                  |
| Species        | Scientific/common name; use unknown if uncertain     |
| Estimated size | Height and/or trunk diameter                         |
| Condition      | Healthy, declining, dead, damaged, etc.              |
| Browse value   | Good / moderate / poor / unknown                     |
| Hazards        | Fallen limbs, difficult terrain, powerlines, etc.    |
| Notes          | Anything useful to the authorised collector/reviewer |

# PRIVATE PROPERTY ACCESS APPLICATION

Complete this section and upload it with your map and tree dataset.

|                                         |                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Property / survey name                  |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Street address                          |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Property owner / authorised contact     |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Email / phone                           |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Contribution                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Browse collection <input type="checkbox"/> Release location <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Mapping only |
| Preferred access period                 |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Notice required before visit            |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Parking / gate instructions             |                                                                                                                                                          |
| No-go areas / restrictions              |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Dogs / livestock / other considerations |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Known hazards                           |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Additional conditions                   |                                                                                                                                                          |

**Consent confirmation:** I confirm that I am authorised to provide this property information and understand that Habi-Food will review the submission before any ecological information is made publicly available. I understand that sensitive access and release-site information may be restricted.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# LANDOWNER FLYER — YOUR PROPERTY CAN HELP WILDLIFE

Private land can be part of the wildlife recovery network.

Habi-Food connects local wildlife rehabilitation with reliable information about browse, habitat and potential release locations. If you have suitable private land, you can contribute on your own terms.



## HOW IT WORKS

- Download the Private Landowner Kit.
- Map your property and relevant trees.
- Complete the access and consent information.
- Upload the completed material.
- Habi-Food checks and reviews the submission.

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