

Mammals seen in Tasmania and Melbourne area, with

Fiona Reid's Wildlife Encounters group

Jan 25 to Feb 7, 2010

ORDER MONOTREMATA (Echidnas and Platypus)

Family Ornithorhynchidae (Platypus)

Platypus *Ornithorhynchus anatinus* seen at Russell Falls and Dobson Lake in Mount Field; Clyde River, Hamilton; agricultural ponds near Forest, outside Stanley

Family Tachyglossidae (Echidnas)

Short-beaked echidna *Tachyglossus aculeatus* seen on road near Ellendale; Lake St Clair (best views); Ronny Creek at Cradle Mt; road down from Ben Lomond; Freycinet; Bruny. Total of 12 seen.

ORDER POLYPROTODONTA (Carnivorous Marsupials and Bandicoots)

Family Dasyuridae (Carnivorous Marsupials)

Tasmanian devil *Sarcophilus harrisii* Four sightings at Cradle Mt, 2 by day: One near hotel/park admin area (John/Hazel) one outside Devils at Cradle Mt (Nancy). Two seen at night, one on hotel bus trip and one on a predawn trip

Spotted-tail quoll *Dasyurus maculatus* seen by Mark and Coleman on a predawn drive at Cradle Mt

Eastern quoll *Dasyurus viverrinus* seen at Cradle Mt (best views at Ronny Creek at 10 p.m.); Freycinet (after dark and pre-dawn, near hotel), and 2 at night on North Bruny (one black phase)

White-footed dunnart *Sminthopsis leucopus* one (? Species) seen crossing road pre-dawn at Freycinet

ORDER DIPROTODONTA (Possums, Kangaroos and Wombats)

Superfamily Macropodoidea (Macropods)

Tasmanian bettong *Bettongia gaimadi* One DOR outside Hobart; possible small group at Cradle Mt about halfway up to Dove Lake (predawn only)

Long-nosed potoroo *Potorous tridactylus* one at Cataract Gorge, Launceston at dawn

Forester (Eastern grey) kangaroo *Macropus giganteus* Large mob seen in Serendip sanctuary, Melbourne

Bennetts (Red-necked) wallaby *Macropus rufogriseus* Cradle Mt; Ben Lomond; Freycinet; Bruny
Tasmanian pademelon *Thylogale billardierii* Russell Falls, Mt Field; Cradle Mt; Bruny

Family Petauridae Possums

Common ringtail possum *Pseudocheirus peregrinus* Seen predawn on road to Dove lake, Cradle Mt, by Mark and Coleman

Family Phalangeridae Possums

Common brushtail possum *Trichosurus vulpecula* Strahan night walk; Cradle Mt; Freycinet (abundant); Bruny (v. common)

Family Vombatidae (Wombats)

Wombat *Vombatus ursinus* Cradle area, especially Ronny Creek where abundant

Family Phascolarctidae (koalas)

Koala *Phascolarctus cinereus* You Yangs, Melbourne area

ORDER CHIROPTERA (Bats)

Family Vespertilionidae

Forest bat *Vespadelus sp*

Wattled bat *Chalinolobus sp*

One or both of these genera (5 species in total) heard and seen at Freycinet and other locales

ORDER CETACEA (Whales and Dolphins)

Family Delphinidae (Dolphins)

Common dolphin *Delphinus delphis* group seen at Cape Tourville, Freycinet area