

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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### **A CONSERVATION TOUR FOR 'CRITTER CUDDLERS'!**

The Department of Parks and Wildlife and award-winning tour operators Global Gypsies are teaming up again to run another hands-on 'science safari'.

On these unique experiential 'voluntours', conservationists and animal lovers can enjoy an exciting, escorted, accommodated and catered wildlife experience just three hours from Perth.

Participants will assist Parks and Wildlife researchers, conservationists and scientists to capture, 'process' and monitor such native marsupials as the threatened Woylie (brush tailed bettong), Brush-tailed Phascogale, Brush-tail Possum, Quenda (Southern Brown Bandicoot) and Chuditch (Western Quoll).

They will also work on flora-related projects at the peak of wildflower season, enjoy guided bushwalks, record vital data and go bird watching and spotlighting.

The week-long eco-adventure will take place at Perup Sanctuary, just 50 kms east of Manjimup in the heart of the southwest forests. Partial proceeds will be donated to Perup to support its important ongoing conservation and rehabilitation projects.

The **Science, Research & Conservation Tour** will take place from September 4 – 10, 2016. It will be led by Jeremy Perks, Director of Global Gypsies, and Madison Read, Assistant Operations Officer at Parks and Wildlife Donnelly District.

Clients don't need a 4WD to participate - 2WD or 4WD vehicles (or even motorcycles or bicycles!) are welcome as are tents, caravans, camper-trailers or campervans. Numbers are strictly limited.

The package includes a busy program of scientific activities supervised by a team of professional scientists, researchers and conservationists; services of a professional tour guide and an experienced safari cook; twin-share accommodation in the sanctuary's cozy rammed earth guesthouse; quality catering and a donation to Perup Sanctuary.

The price is **\$1600** per person (including GST).

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