## Securing the future of critically-endangered western ringtail possums

The western ringtail possum – also known by its Noongar name Ngwayir – is a critically endangered arboreal marsupial which is endemic to our South West region of Western Australia. That means it's found nowhere else on earth!

Historically the western ringtail possum's range was much larger, living throughout our South West's forests.

Nowadays they are found in only about 10% of their original range.



Community tree planting event to restore habitat.



## Our work

Across its 20-year history, South West NRM has undertaken an extensive catalogue of work – with support from a variety of partners – to benefit western ringtail possums and address threats to their survival – particularly habitat loss and predation from foxes and cats.

We've installed possum bridges, restored habitat, contributed to research outcomes, targeted predators and engaged with our community through a variety of education programs, particularly responsible pet ownership.

## Contact us

Conservation efforts appear to have arrested the continued decline in recent years but more work is needed on strategies that will support re-building western ringtail possum numbers.

They are just one of 24 nationally-listed threatened animal species in our South West.

If you would like to partner on a project to benefit threatened species, please open a discussion by emailing: admin@southwestnrm.org.au

Possum rope bridge installed in Busselton to connect canopies and evidence of its use.



