



Many kinds of orchids grow in North East Tasmania

## THE NORTH EAST IS UNDER THREAT!

The ecologies of the north east are facing various threats. Tasmania has the second highest per-capita rate of land clearing in the nation. Many important areas in the north east are now under threat from unsustainable development, land degeneration, mono-culture and clearing. The Tasmanian Threatened Species Act and the Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act do not apply to some forest logging activities. Yet there are more than 600 species of threatened plants and animals in Tasmania. Changes to the landscape and native habitat as a result of human activity have put many of these species at risk.

A forest is a living ecological system and a bank vault for carbon. A tree is a boarding house for many species of flora and fauna. Help us preserve unique ecologies and keep the forest vaults of carbon safe.

**Threatened species in the North East include**

- Blind Velvet Worm; endangered: (Tas)
- Giant Velvet Worm; rare: (Tas)
- Eastern Barred Bandicoot; threatened and vulnerable: (Tas and Federal)
- Spotted-tailed Quoll; vulnerable: (Federal)
- Wedge-tailed Eagle; endangered: (Tas and Federal)
- White Goss Hawk; endangered: (Tas)
- White-bellied Sea Eagle; rare: (Federal)
- Swift Parrot; endangered: (Tas and Federal)
- The Tasmanian Devil; protected and vulnerable: (Tas and Federal)

Forest, Rattler Range, North East Tasmania



Sloop Rock, Bay of Fires



The endangered Wedge-tailed Eagle

### Natural values

**Natural values relate to biodiversity and the important flora and fauna that an area of land sustains. Ecosystems have high priority for protection if they contain rare species that have become threatened by human activity.**

### HOW CAN I DONATE?

**Every donation over \$2 to NETLT is tax deductible.** Fill in the attached form to make a donation of land or money. The North East Tasmania Land Trust works in partnership with the Tasmanian Land Conservancy.

#### For more information

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Fingal Valley from St Patrick's Head

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The endangered Swift Parrot - Photograph by Chris Tzaros, Birds Australia

Swans on the Winklers Lagoon with St Patricks Head in the background

Threatened plant species the Guinea flower (Hibbertia calycina)



Rare plant the Eastern Eyebright (Euphrasia collina ssp. deflexifolia) found mainly in North East Tasmania

Vue de Pic d'Arcole et du Piton Champagny, detail from: Terre de Diemen, in Voyage de decouvertes aux Terres Australes, pl. iv.

Tasmanian Archives & Heritage Office, State Library of Tasmania.



The North East has an exceptional diversity of lichens, including several species rare or not known in other parts of Tasmania

The north east of Tasmania is home to some of the most beautiful places in the world, including the famous Bay of Fires. Yet for many years the north east has been overlooked as a region in need of protection, even though it is an area of exceptional biodiversity.

The North East Tasmania Land Trust (NETLT) has been set up to help remedy this situation. It is a not-for-profit community-based organisation having the aim to preserve, enhance, and protect the natural environment in north eastern Tasmania.

We do this by raising funds to acquire, manage and conserve land and forests of significant ecological value. Our aim is also to link and manage landscapes and create ecological connections.



HOW DO WE WORK?

There are basically three strategies we can employ to achieve our objectives. The first one is to buy private land to establish permanent reserves in perpetuity. This occurs after a property which has significant conservation values has been identified and assessed.

A second approach is the operation of a revolving fund. This is done by using raised funds to buy land which has some conservation values and to protect the land with a conservation covenant. Once under covenant the land can be resold and the funds re-used to purchase other properties for protection.

A third approach is to promote the WildCountry philosophy. WildCountry is a science-based approach to conservation planning and a method of protecting and restoring Australia's natural ecosystems. The WildCountry approach is unfolding across Australia with the Gondwana Link project in Western Australia and the Eyre Peninsular project in South Australia. In Tasmania the aim is to develop a WildCountry plan to identify

'biodiversity hotspots' and wilderness areas connected by habitat corridors and buffered by areas of sustainably managed land.

In the north east of Tasmania this approach to landscape conservation has been applied with the 'Linking Landscapes' project. Linking Landscapes is a program initiated by the North East Bioregional Network, a sister organisation to the North East Tasmania Land Trust. One example of this program is the St Marys Protected Landscape, which is an area of land that has been mapped by the North East Tasmania Land Trust.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

As a non-government environmental organisation the North East Tasmania Land Trust needs your tax deductible contributions.

Make a difference. Help us protect Tasmania's unique forests and create a sustainable future by contributing to conservation through land purchases and conservation management.

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- I wish to become a member of the North East Land Trust Inc. and enclose the \$10 membership fee.
- I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Trust and to support and uphold its objectives.
- Donation amount \$ .....

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- Cheque (Cheques should be made payable to the North East Tasmania Land Trust Fund).
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 Your Signature .....  
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