

## *Chaeropus ecaudatus* Pig-footed Bandicoot

### Description

Very small bandicoot with long slender legs that walks and runs using two toes on its front legs and one toe on its hind legs. Like other bandicoots they have a long head with long ears. Fur orange/brown above, light fawn below. Long tail with a crest of hair along the top. Body up to 26 cm long, tail up to 12 cm. Very similar to the Yirratji but with slightly shorter tail and hind legs. (Museums Victoria 2021)

### Current conservation status

Listed as Threatened in Victoria under *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*.

Listed as Extinct in Australia under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

### Proposed conservation status

Extinct (EX) in Victoria.

### Criteria for Extinct status

As per Schedule 1 of the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Regulations 2020, the primary criterion for the category of threat 'extinct' is met if–

- (a) exhaustive surveys throughout the taxon's historic range fail to record an individual member of the taxon; and
- (b) those surveys were conducted over a time frame appropriate to the taxon's life cycle and life form, in known or expected habitat and at appropriate times (diurnal, seasonal, annual).

Historical records of the species were retrieved from the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas. A 50km buffer was placed around each location, and all surveys of appropriate surveying method to date were retrieved. In total, 981 appropriate surveys have taken place within the historic range with no records of *C. ecaudatus* since 1857.

Victorian Biodiversity Atlas search results	
Number of known historical locations	1
Last known record	1857
Total recorded surveys to date within 50km of all historical locations	981
Survey methods searched	Cage trap, Camera - Surveillance/Remote, Elliott trap, Spotlighting, Spotlighting on foot



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## Species Information

### Historical distribution

The taxon occurred in semi-arid zones of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia (Museums Victoria 2021)

### References

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