



## Setting the scene

Pest animals are found throughout Australia and cause a lot of problems for the environment, people and companies.

A number of introduced animals, such as rabbits, feral goats and feral pigs, cause damage to farmers' crops. Many effect Australia's natural environment by destroying sensitive habitats, spreading weeds and competing with native animals for food and shelter. Foxes, feral cats and wild dogs will kill small native animals, farm animals and even pets in the search for food.

## What to do

Posters are one way of providing information to people.

**Create an interesting and informative poster reporting about a pest animal in Australia.**

Choose **one** pest animal from the following list.

- fox
- rabbit
- cane toad
- carp
- feral pig
- feral goat
- feral camel
- starling

**Include in your research:**

- a written description of the pest animal
- photographs or drawings of the pest animal
- which country the pest animal came from
- why the pest animal was introduced to Australia
- what the pest animal likes to eat
- where the pest animal likes to live
- a timeline including big events connected to this pest animal

**Negative impacts**

- which native animals are effected by this pest animal?
- which natural environments / native habitats does this pest animal effect?
- does this pest animal effect people and their homes?
- how could this pest animal effect you?

**Damage control**

- describe one way this pest animal being controlled?

### FERAL FACT

**The rabbit was the fastest spreading pest animal in Australia.**

**Two rabbits can increase to 184 rabbits in only 1½ years.**

