

# Christmas Island Science, Conserve, Explore 2019



Have you an enquiring mind, want to make a difference and enjoy the outdoors?  
Join our citizen science program and discover the natural wonder of Christmas Island.

### *Lizard Census - July 16-23 and July 23-30*

Work along side the Christmas Island National Park team to count the critically endangered blue-tailed skinks and Lister's geckos and rebuild their home. Take the time to explore the natural wonder of Christmas Island.

### *Did You Know*

Christmas Island is home to 5 species of endemic terrestrial reptiles. Some of these species have disappeared and may now be extinct in the wild. The National Park established a captive breeding program in 2009 for the blue-tailed skink and Lister's gecko. This program has been successful with over 1,000 of each species in captivity.

### *The Citizen Science Lizard Census*

By volunteering with the National Park reptile conservation program you will work directly with the animals at the main captive breeding colony at the Pink House research station and see the new 'soft-release site' housing a thriving wild population of blue-tailed skinks and Lister's geckos. Training and insights into the history of the program and reptile conservation will be provided by the highly, experienced National Park staff.

Places are limited. You must be at least 18 years old, fit and comfortable working in tropical conditions with small animals. The census will be held over 4 mornings. There is time to create your own adventure and explore the Christmas Island rainforest and water.

### *Cocos (Keeling) Islands Option*

*July 23-25 and July 30 – August 2*

After Christmas Island, visit the site for the translocation of blue-tailed skinks to a small island in the Cocos atoll with staff from Pulu Keeling National Park. Transport by motorised canoes with Cocos Adventure Tours.

Contact the Christmas Island Visitor Centre  
for information and bookings

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Christmas Island  
A Natural Wonder

