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## BOOK REVIEW

### Lost from our landscape: Threatened species of the Northern Territory

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THE Northern Territory Government has produced *Lost from our landscape: threatened species of the Northern Territory* as part of their commitment to maintaining threatened plant and animal species. The book aims to educate Territorians about their threatened plants and animals so that they understand the problems they face and assist in maintaining them.

This is not a book that needs to be read in page order, although the Introduction should be read before you begin. The Introduction defines what a threatened species is, why they are threatened, and the criteria for categorization of threatened species in Australia under the EPBC Act and Northern Territory legislation (IUCN criteria version 3.1).

This book comprises information on all 203 known threatened species of the Northern Territory: 72 plants, 35 invertebrates, 10 fish, 1 frog, 17 reptiles, 23 birds and 45 mammals. Each page is dedicated to a different species, giving a description, conservation status and information on distribution, ecology, conservation assessment, threatening processes, conservation objectives and management. Each species is illustrated with a photograph (where available) and a map of the distribution pre- and post-1970 provided. Each section (plants, invertebrates, etc.) is colour coded, and species are

listed in alphabetical order, therefore simplifying navigation.

This book is an excellent starting point to becoming informed on the threatened species of the Northern Territory and a real eye opener. Although directed towards Territorians, it will make a valuable reference for anyone with an interest in the environment and threatened species, and is an affordable addition to anyone's library. It is well written, but some of the terminology used may be difficult for non-scientists to understand. However, a glossary of terms has been provided, and an attempt has been made to use lay terms wherever possible. Although most species accounts are limited to one page, they are factual, concise and informative and for those who wish to find out more on a particular species, a list of references is given at the end of each account.

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