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ON FRONT COVER: The Eastern Barred Bandicoot *Perameles gunnii* is one of many species of native Australian marsupials that has declined on the mainland, but remains relatively abundant on the island of Tasmania. Predation by the introduced European Fox *Vulpes vulpes* and loss of habitat explain the decline of the bandicoot on mainland Australia. The fox is absent from Tasmania, but habitat loss has been significant and is probably the principal cause of the decline of this bandicoot on Tasmania. (Photo Michael Driessen).