



Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroo  
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*Caring for Kuranda's Environment*

*"by standing on the shoulders of those who've gone before"*

Nursery: 284 Myola Rd, Mon & Thu 9am-1pm, Sat 10-1pm, ph: 4093 8989 / 4093 8393

**Peace loving Wildlife desperately seeks  
Corridors to extend mutually beneficial relations**

The value of Wildlife Corridors has been proven once again following the late afternoon sighting of a Lumholtz Tree Kangaroo (LTK) by an observant resident on a Kuranda property backing onto the Barron Falls reserve. The LTK's sleepy standoff at 2-3 paces lasted for around 2 mins. There's also been a sighting on Black Mountain Road, another from the Kuranda Range Road and one on Boyles Road by keen naturalists over the years. The Lumholtz – one of only two varieties in Australia – is usually found in the Malanda area of the Atherton Tablelands and rarely leaves that district, which makes this sighting so significant.

This variety of the species is rarely seen on the ground during daylight, spending the days curled up in the fork of a tree. It's very slow moving, "ambles" rather than hops and has a very distinctively shaped head and thick muscular forearms. For a clearer copy of the identifying features go to the TK group website

[www.tree-kangaroos.net](http://www.tree-kangaroos.net) and select TK info, TK Spotting. There's lots of good info supplied by the Tree Kangaroos and Mammal Group.



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**Nursery News  
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*Date Claimer*—**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 7-8:30pm**

**Venue – T.B.A.**

**Envirocare exec meeting – all welcome  
Planning discussion on future initiatives  
For venue details**

Contact [secretary@envirocare.org.au](mailto:secretary@envirocare.org.au) or 40938393

**ART explains SCIENCE**

**Calling all kids interested in explaining the environment.** Through an NRM Awareness grant, Envirocare is funding an Arts competition to celebrate this year's **World Environment Day** focus on **Biodiversity**. Entries close in early May. Individual and group prizes. For competition details email [treasurer@envirocare.org.au](mailto:treasurer@envirocare.org.au).

**SATURDAY morning Tree Planting 8 till 9:30am**

Planting for Mobile Muster phone recyclers, a few hundred trees still to go. Join us at the nursery, 284 Myola Road to catch a lift to site.  
Ring Margaret 4093 8393

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