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Local communities helping with reptile research

Local communities across the Darling Downs are being asked to help the Mt Tyson District Landcare Group find out more about the endangered Grassland Earless Dragon.

Three field survey and information mornings will be hosted by local landholders around Clifton, Bowenville and Macalister during October.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service researcher, Rod Hobson, will lead the surveys and talk about what is currently known about this interesting species.

“We have been researching this species for a few years now, but these field mornings will allow us to see what different production environments it is living in, extend its range and give the community hands on experience of reptile surveying while learning all about the species,” said Rod.

The field mornings will be part of a larger, Envirofund project looking into the conservation of the Grassland Earless Dragon.

Paula Halford, spokesperson for Mt Tyson District Landcare said, “The project incorporates a number of ways to raise awareness effectively, including road signage and field days.

“We feel that while this species is ‘common’ on the downs, it could still be under threat so we want to find out as much about it as possible. We can’t do this without the communities help”.

The three mornings will be held on 13 to 15 October from 9.30 to 11.30 and will include morning tea.

For more information, directions and to RSVP, contact Paula Halford on 46938186 or phalford@bigpond.com

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