

Northern Seminar Series presents:

Frogs of Brisbane with Harry Hines

Get the low down on Brisbane frogs with Harry!

Brisbane City has very high frog species richness: probably the highest for an Australian city and perhaps amongst the highest for cities around the world. Karawatha Forest Reserve, a Brisbane City Council reserve in the southern suburbs is home to 23 species of frogs. At least another eight species occur elsewhere in the city. In addition to the native frogs the introduced cane toad has been long-established in Brisbane.



Litoria gracilentus

This richness is due in part to the diversity of climates and landscapes found within the city limits: acid swamps and lagoons on Moreton Island, dry eucalypt forests on the coastal lowlands and foothills and wet sclerophyll forest and rainforests on the D'Aguiar Range.

Seven threatened and one rare frog species (as listed under the Queensland *Nature Conservation Act*) are known from the city. The main threats include loss or degradation of habitat and the disease amphibian chytridiomycosis.

During the presentation I will explore the diversity of Brisbane's frogs, discuss threats to them and identify some ways we can help protect this diversity for future generations to enjoy.



Cyclorana alboquittata

About the Presenter:

Harry Hines is a zoologist with extensive experience in south-eastern Australia. A keen birdwatcher in his younger days, he left Brisbane to complete a Bachelor of Natural Resources majoring in wildlife management at the University of New England (UNE), Armidale, New South Wales in 1987. For a number of years following this he was based at UNE where he was involved in general fauna surveys in north-eastern NSW, radio-tracking studies on sugar gliders and a range of other smaller projects.

Presentation Details:

Wednesday 1st February 2012

Downfall Creek Bushland Centre

815 Rode Rd, McDowall

Finger food from 6.30pm

& Presentation 7pm till 8pm.

**Places limited so RSVP by 5pm, Tuesday 31st January to the
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