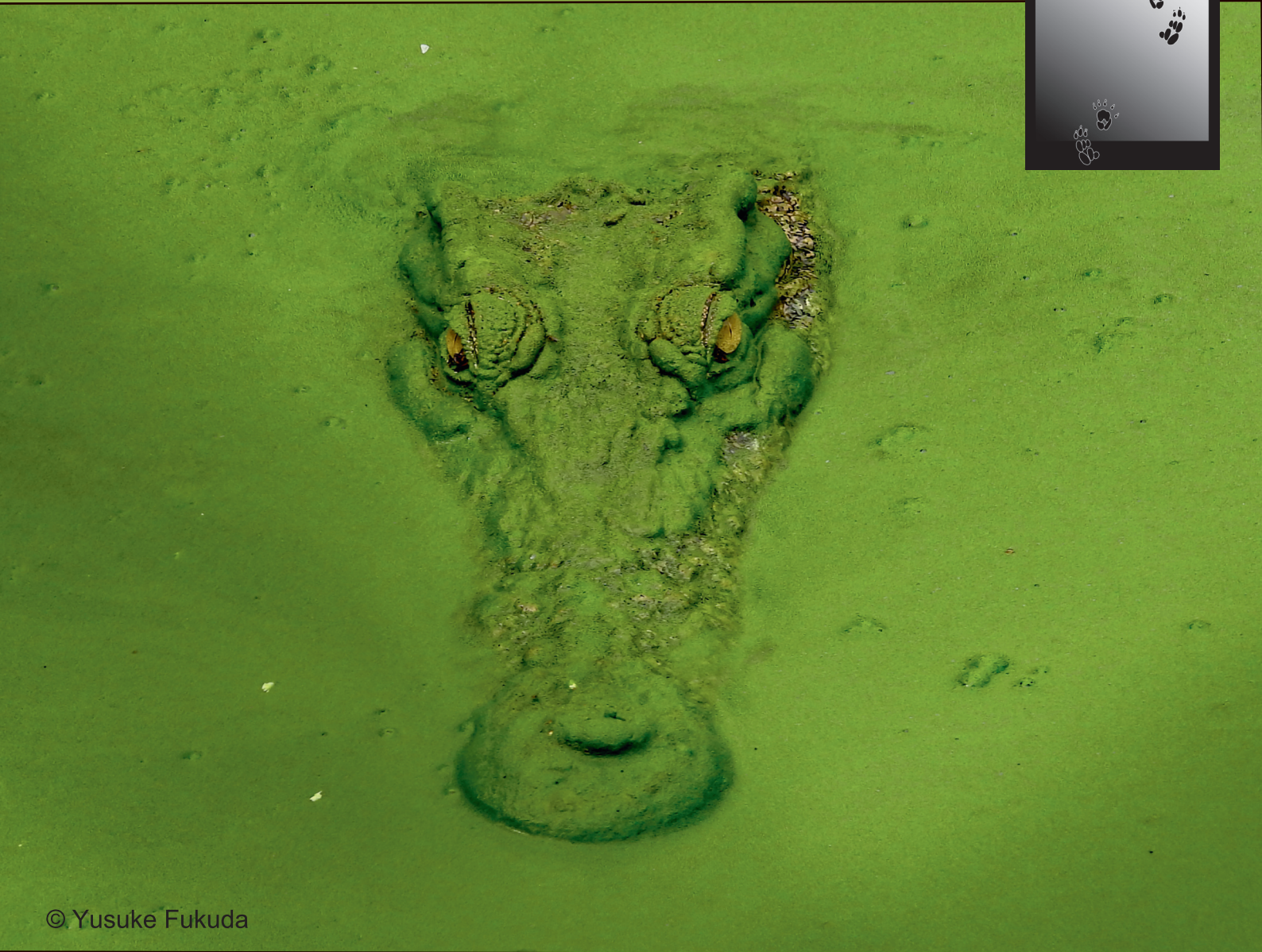
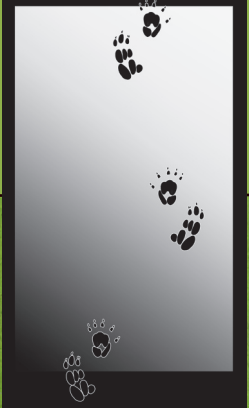


# 32nd AWMS Annual Conference

AUSTRALASIAN  
WILDLIFE  
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3 - 5 December 2019

Mindil Beach Casino Resort  
Darwin, NT, Australia

# Call for Abstracts

# About the conference

The Australasian Wildlife Management Society (AWMS) will be holding its 32nd annual conference on 3-5 December 2019 at the Mindil Beach Casino Resort, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia. Our conferences normally attract 100-200 delegates.

The objectives of the Society are:

- To promote the study and application of scientific wildlife management in the Australasian region
- To actively encourage the development, dissemination and adoption of applied scientific research in wildlife management
- To influence policy and management decisions through the provision of clear, explicit and pragmatic advice on options for wildlife management and associated risks

The major theme of the AWMS2019 conference is  
**‘Wildlife Management in Remote Landscapes’**

## Symposia

The conference will feature symposia with invited speakers on the following topics:

### Indigenous management of wildlife

The majority of central and northern Australia is under the ownership and management of Aboriginal Traditional Owners, and increasingly Traditional Owners are regaining responsibility for managing their lands in southern Australia. Aboriginal people have managed wildlife and other natural resources sustainably for millennia, and there is much to be gained through collaboration and knowledge-sharing between contemporary Indigenous and non-Indigenous wildlife managers.

### Using fire to manage wildlife

Australia is one of the Earth's most fire-prone continents, and fire can profoundly affect ecosystem function and biodiversity. As a result, fire management is a critical part of the wildlife manager's tool kit. However, fire management for biodiversity tends to be controversial – with a clear tension between fire suppression and prescribed burning. To effectively manage wildlife by manipulating fire regimes, we need an improved understanding of the wide-ranging ecological effects of fire.

### Land manager/Practitioner symposia

We'd like to hear from groups/individuals that are involved in on-ground wildlife management projects which have a focus on the planning and practical application of wildlife management and work with community groups.

### Open Symposium

Alternatively you can submit your abstract under the Open Symposium which will accommodate talks on any topic related to wildlife management

Other symposia will be organised to fit the topics of the abstracts received.

AWMS offers a range of awards for students and professionals

#### Awards include:

Practical Management Award  
The DW Cooper Student Thesis Award  
The Student Travelling Scholarship (for undergraduate and honours students)  
The Postgraduate Student Research Award  
The Braysher Management Fund  
AWMS President's Award

Full details of prizes, award conditions and how to apply can be found on the AWMS website

[awms.org.au](http://awms.org.au)

For all awards, entries close 31 August 2019

## Conference field trips and workshops

AWMS is organising a number of workshops and field trips to accompany this year's conference. They will be held on the Monday before the conference (2 Dec 2019) and the Friday after the conference (6 Dec 2019). Please find details about the field trips and workshops on the conference website [www.awms.org.au/conference](http://www.awms.org.au/conference)

## The destination

Darwin is Australia's only tropical capital city. It is at the centre of northern Australia's vast tropical savanna landscapes, and a stone's throw from Australia's largest national park, Kakadu. Greater Darwin is home to some of our most iconic wildlife, both native and exotic, including saltwater crocodile and swamp buffalo. Darwin and the Top End are strongholds for Indigenous culture, and Indigenous people continue to sustainably utilise native wildlife as they have done for millennia.



# About the conference cont'd...

## Abstract submissions:

Abstracts must be submitted by 31 August 2019. Abstracts are strictly limited to 250 words and need to be submitted via the online form. AWMS has a focus on management and your submitted abstract should reflect this focus. Please select which symposia your abstract best fits.

## Presentation formats:

**Full length presentations** will have 15-minute time slots (12 minutes + 3 minutes for questions).

**5-min speed talks:** Present your project in a short, concise and energetic format, for example, to inform conference participants about a project proposal, new development in management, research, industry, policy, outreach and more.

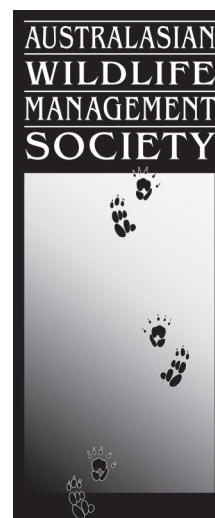
**Poster + 1-min speed talk:** Present your project as a poster and advertise it with a 1-minute speed talk.

If there is insufficient space in the program, some presenters may be invited to give a poster instead of a spoken paper. All student presentations will be considered for the prize of Best Student Presentation. A Best Student Poster prize will also be given should enough posters be received. The decision to award or not award prizes for best student poster is at the discretion of the Conference Organising Committee and the AWMS Executive Committee. Speakers and presenters of posters will be notified of acceptance by 15 September 2019.

- Abstracts will be reviewed prior to acceptance and may be edited.
- Accepted abstracts will be distributed to all attendees at the conference.
- Students must be enrolled at a recognised university.

Please email [conference@awms.org.au](mailto:conference@awms.org.au) if you have any problems submitting your abstract.

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