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### **Bandicoot recovery team uses surveillance cameras to monitor fox bait stations**

The Biosphere Foundation's Southern Brown Bandicoot recovery fox control program depends on accurate recognition of the animals taking the bait.

With experience, it is possible to do this by observing tracks, scats and other signs left by animals at the fox bait stations. However, to make absolutely certain that identification is accurate, the bandicoot recovery team has begun using surveillance cameras.

Dr Terry Coates has been deploying his camera to observe wildlife at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Cranbourne. His model, Reconyx Rapidfire Covert, uses infrared to obtain images at night, so there is no need to use a visible flash.

The bandicoot recovery team will use Terry's camera and others like it from Dr Rolf Willig at DSE West Gippsland to supplement monitoring of bait stations.

Below are some of Terry's pictures.



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Swamp Rat



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White-browed Scrubwren

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