



Photo: Chloe Smith

BIO: Janine Duffy

Conservationist, koala field researcher, inspirational speaker and passionate advocate for koalas.

In 1998, while guiding a wildlife tour, Janine discovered a method of identifying individual koalas by their noses. From this a wild Koala Research Project was born - mapping the home ranges, social interactions, tree use and following the lives of 100+ individual koalas in 4 locations in the You Yangs & Brisbane Ranges in south-eastern Australia. Her research was crucial to a University of Sydney publication: [An insight into natural koala drinking behaviour](#); & her photo of a favourite koala was the August 2020 cover of the international science journal [Ethology](#). She is currently co-authoring 3 scientific publications with University of Sydney.

Janine started the not-for-profit **Koala Clancy Foundation** in 2015 with a mission to ensure a future for wild koalas. The foundation removes weeds, plants trees, advocates & educates about wild koalas. To date Koala Clancy Foundation have planted over **129,600 koala trees**, and removed over **4.1 million invasive weeds**.

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