



MEDIA RELEASE

Saltie Caught in Goldfish Pond

Parks and Wildlife Service have captured a saltwater crocodile after it was found in a backyard goldfish pond at a Bees Creek property.

Parks and Wildlife Service senior wildlife officer Tommy Nichols said they were contacted to remove the 1.64 metre crocodile after a resident found the crocodile in the pond at 9am this morning.

“With the increase in temperatures and lack of water around at this time of the year, he was probably just looking for somewhere to cool off,” Mr Nichols said

“It is possible that the saltwater crocodile may have come from the nearby Elizabeth River.”

Mr Nichols said the crocodile was one of four saltwater crocodiles captured since 5am this morning, bringing the years total to 185.

“Crocodiles are more active in the wet season, especially now when they are looking for mates to breed,” Mr Nichols said.

Mr Nichols said that members of the public who see crocodiles are urged to contact the Parks and Wildlife Service on 0419 822 859.

The four crocodiles were relocated to the NT Crocodile Farm as part of the Parks and Wildlife Service Crocodile Management Plan, aimed at reducing the risk of crocodile attack towards humans and their pets in the Darwin Harbour region.

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Media Note _ For more information contact Bees Creek resident Wayne Miller on 8988 2056. Photos available on request.

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