

#### OUR VISION

Trailblazers in nature based experiences

#### OUR PURPOSE

A connection to, and pride in, people and place

#### OUR MISSION

We develop and champion passionate people, innovation and the love of nature to deliver transformational moments.



## Position Available: Horticulture and Koala Food Plantation Keeper

Are you an experienced horticulturist with a passion for wildlife conservation? Do you thrive in a dynamic environment where you can make a tangible difference to the well-being of Australia's iconic fauna? If so, we have an exciting opportunity for you to join our team at Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas!

#### About Us:

Located at the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest in tropical Port Douglas, Wildlife Habitat is a privately owned and operated wildlife park dedicated to the observation, appreciation, and conservation of Australia's unique fauna. As part of the CaPTA Group, we offer visitors an immersive experience with a diverse range of Wet Tropics species, including Lumholtz's Tree-Kangaroo, Southern Cassowary, Saltwater Crocodiles, and more!

#### Position Overview:

We are currently seeking an experienced Horticulturist & Koala Food Plantation Keeper to join our team. In this role, you will be responsible for maintaining our park's foliage and overseeing the cultivation of plants essential for the nutrition and well-being of our koalas.

*\*Please note that this will be a casual maternity leave position.*

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Work within a close-knit team, exercising excellent communication skills to ensure efficient plantation management and animal welfare.
- Conduct daily maintenance tasks in Eucalypt plantations, including irrigation, pruning, weeding, and mulching, to ensure optimal growth and health of food sources for wildlife.
- Undertake daily collection of food leaves for animals, prioritising freshness and nutritional quality to meet the dietary requirements of our wildlife residents.
- Maintain grounds and gardens throughout the park, contributing to its aesthetic appeal and overall visitor experience.
- Exhibit exceptional observation skills to identify plant health issues, pest infestations, or any anomalies requiring immediate attention.
- Hold certification in chainsaw operation, ensuring adherence to safety protocols and regulations in plantation maintenance activities.
- Possess a valid manual driver's license to facilitate transportation within the park premises and off-site duties as required.

**Required Skills and Qualifications:**

- Certificate III in Horticulture or equivalent tertiary qualification.
- Minimum of 1 year of paid experience in a similar role, preferably within a wildlife or conservation-focused environment.
- Demonstrated experience working with Australian wildlife, with specific knowledge and experience in koala food plantation management considered advantageous.
- Proficiency in local flora knowledge, enabling informed decisions regarding plant selection, cultivation, and maintenance.
- Competent computer skills, particularly in record-keeping using Species 360 or similar platforms.
- Ability to work over a 7-day roster, including weekends, public holidays, and school holidays, to support the park's operational requirements.

**How to Apply:**

If you meet the above criteria and are ready to make a positive impact in wildlife conservation, we want to hear from you! Please send your resume and a cover letter outlining your relevant experience and why you are the perfect fit for this role to [hadmin@capta.com.au](mailto:hadmin@capta.com.au).

For more information about Wildlife Habitat and our commitment to wildlife conservation, please visit [www.wildlifehabitat.com.au](http://www.wildlifehabitat.com.au).

*\*\*Join us in our mission to champion passionate people, innovation, and the love of nature to deliver transformational moments at Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas!\*\**