

Parrots, Pythons & Public Posts: Tracking Australia's Non-Indigenous Invaders

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All

Date reported

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Species

Multiple selections

2151

Count of Reports

1221

Amphibia

658

Reptilia

24

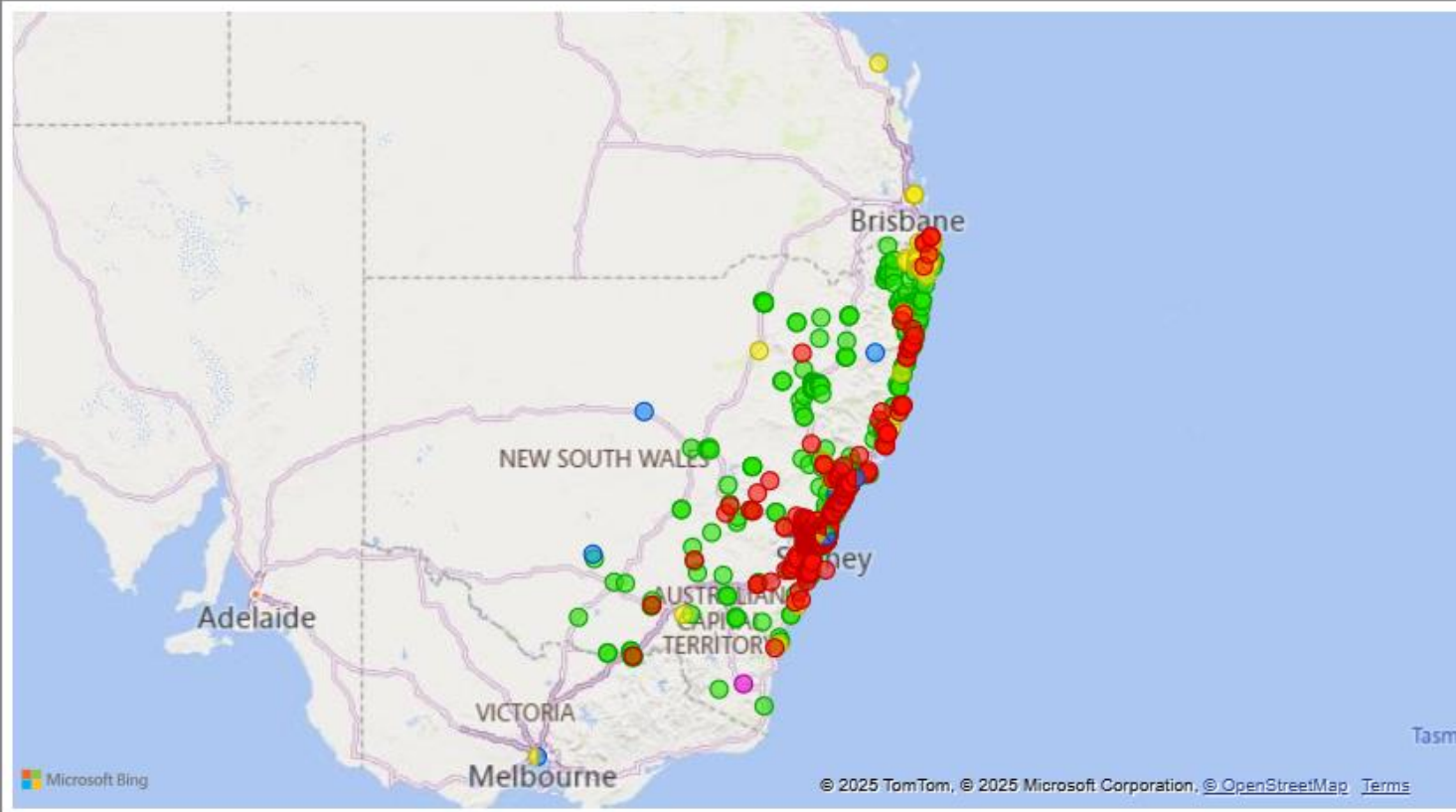
Mammalia

208

Insecta

36

Aves

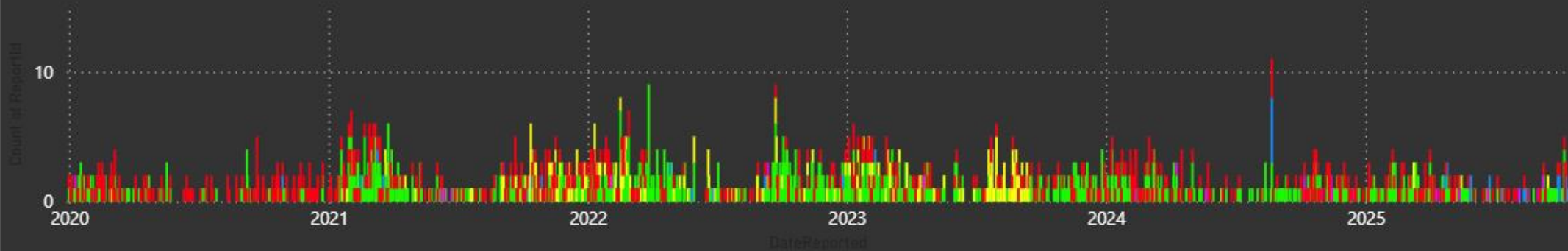


Class

Reports

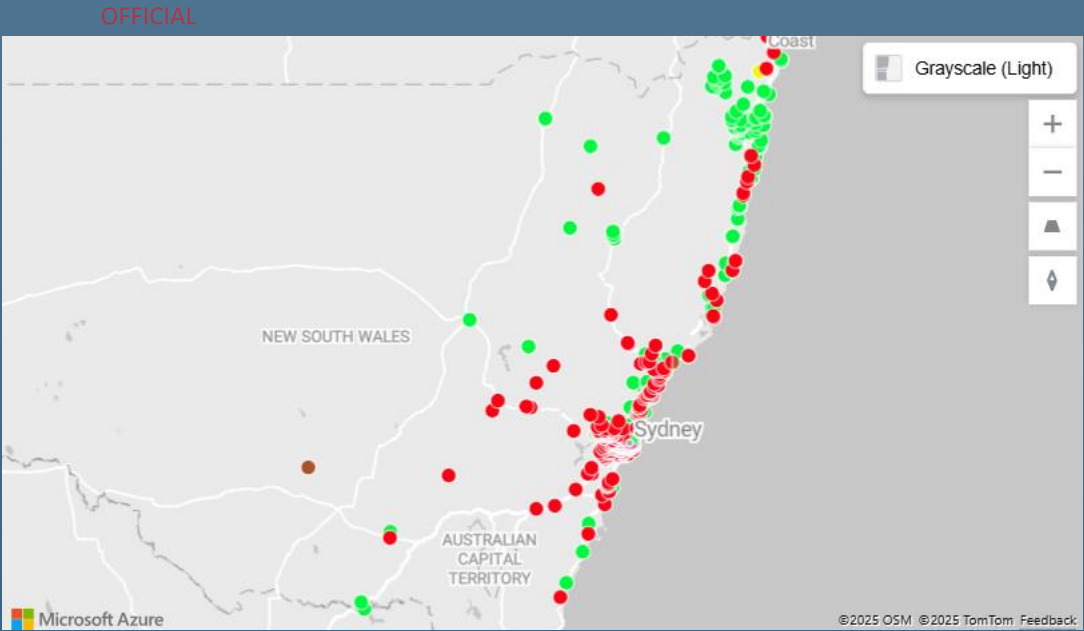
Mollusca	1
Arachnida	3
Mammalia	24
Brown bear	1
European hedgehog	1
Fennec fox	1
Puma	1
Red panda	1
Rhesus macaque	1
Spotted hyena	1
Water buffalo	1
Aardvark	2
African pygmy hedgehog	2
European red fox	2
Leopard	2
Jaguar	8
Aves	36
Alexandrine parrot	1
Blue eved cockatoo	1
Total	2151

Confirmed Reports by date

Class Amphibia Arachnida Aves Insecta Mammalia Mollusca Reptilia

Score card

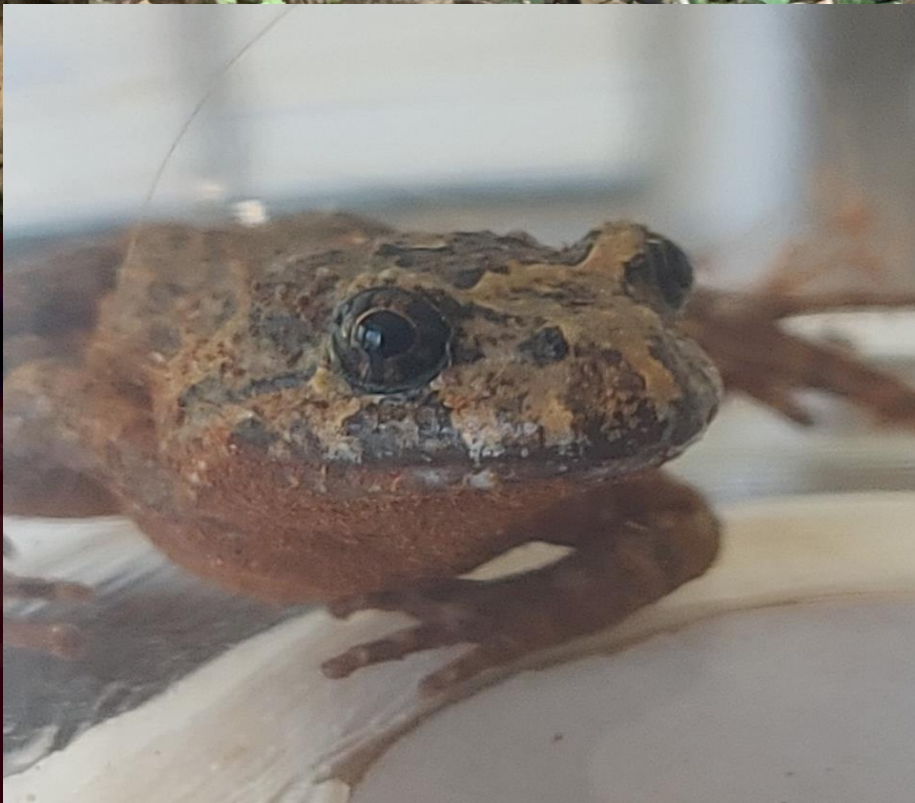
Class	reported	confirmed
Amphibia	1221	366
Reptilia	658	270
Aves	37	14
Mammal	25	3



Class	Reports
Reptilia	366
Red-eared slider turtle	154
Corn snake	114
Asian house gecko	55
Boa constrictor	9
Leopard gecko	7
Indopacific gecko	6
California kingsnake	4
African spurred tortoise	2
Burmese python	2
Chinese softshell tortoise	2
Tokay	2
Veiled chameleon	2
Aldabra tortoise	1
Alligator snapping turtle	1
Ball python	1
Dumeril's Boa	1
Golden flying snake	1
Green iauana	1
Total	662



Amphibia	270
Cane toad	268
Asian black-spined toad	2
Aves	14
Indian ring-neck parakeet	9
Alexandrine parrot	1
Blue eyed cockatoo	1
Blue-headed parrot	1
Hispaniolan amazon	1
Scaly headed pionus	1





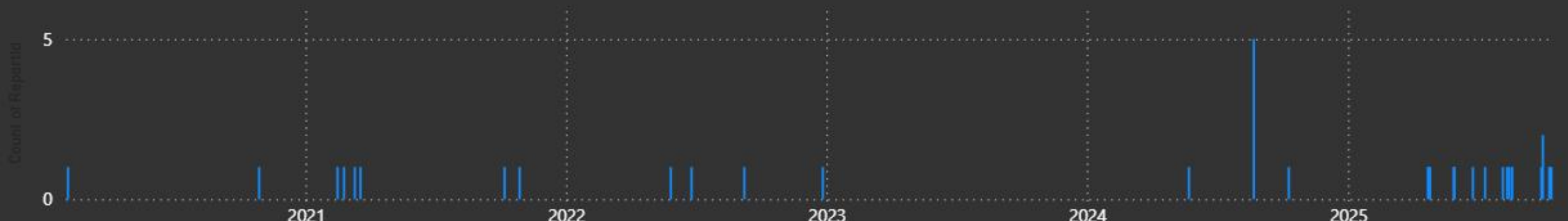
Class	Reports
Aves	36
Alexandrine parrot	1
Blue eyed cockatoo	1
Helmeted Guinea Fowl	1
Hispaniolan amazon	1
Scaly headed pionus	1
Umbrella cockatoo	1
Vinaceous Amazon	1
Blue-headed parrot	2
Golden Pheasant	2
Red Whiskered Bulbul	7
Indian ring-neck parakeet	18
Total	36

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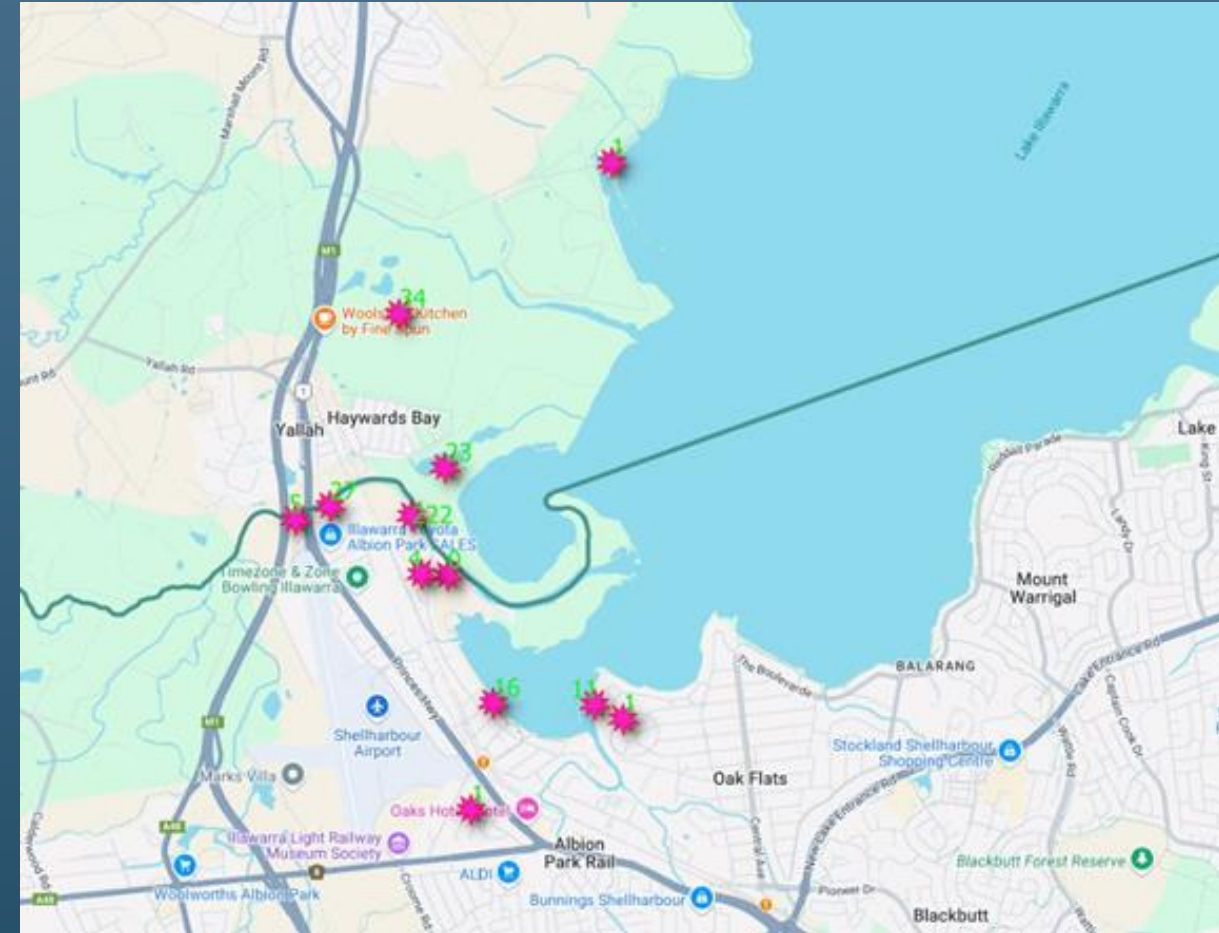
Class ● Aves

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Indian Ring-necked parakeet- control program



Bird Biosecurity Matters



Keep your birds secure and report biosecurity issues

- ✓ Help stop illegal trade by reporting to DPI
- ✓ Know your species and their keeping regulations
- ✓ Report escaped birds
- ✗ Don't release birds

For more information and to report bird biosecurity issues

1800 680 244



www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

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New Bird Communication tools

Have you seen this bird? Please tell us

Indian ring-necked parakeet



Indian ring-necked parakeets (*Psittacula krameri*), also known as Rose-ringed parakeets, are not native to Australia.

Why it matters

While popular as pets, they pose a serious threat if released into the wild due to their destructive nature. Protect what we love.

- **Destructive pest:** These parrots can cause significant damage to fruit, nut and cereal crops.
- They **compete with native species** for nest hollows.
- **Fast breeders:** Once established, they can rapidly grow in number and outcompete native species.

Prevent them from becoming a pest in NSW

- **Report all sightings** (identification information over the page)
- **Keep them secure as pets:** Ensure aviaries and cages are escape-proof.
- **Don't release pets:** Never release unwanted birds into the wild.
- **Surrender responsibly:** Contact a local shelter or avian rescue to rehome unwanted birds.

How to tell us

Take clear photos, where possible

Note the date, time and location of the bird and how many there were if more than one

Report by scanning the the QR code (right), or by visiting www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/report-a-pest-or-disease



Identifying an Indian ring-necked parakeet

They are brightly coloured, medium-sized parrots with a distinctive ring around their necks (males), and have a loud, squawking call.

Look for:

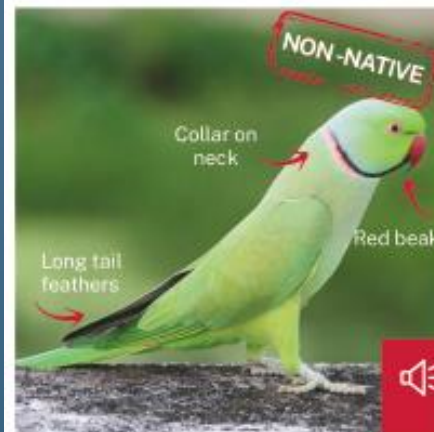


Figure 1: A **male** parakeet with black and pink collar on neck and long tail feathers.



Figure 2: A **female** parakeet with pale to dark grey neck-ring

Other Colours

Although predominantly green, Indian ring-necked parakeets can be a variety of colours, like blue and yellow.



King parrot ✓



Rosella ✓



Rainbow lorikeet ✓

Native species

Not to be confused with native birds, including King parrot, Rosella, Rainbow lorikeet



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Boa constrictor- Tom Ugly Bridge



Unidentified African toad- Bronte Boie's Many-Toothed snake- Philippines

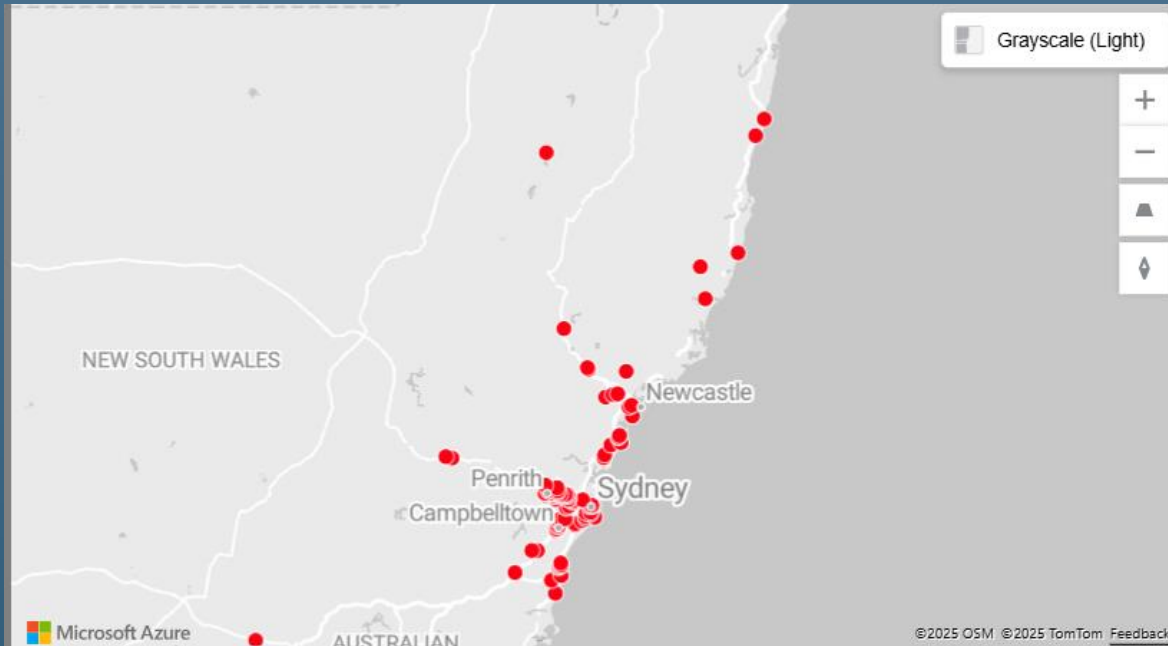


African Spurred tortoise- Compliance constraints

Asian black-spined toad- Port Botany



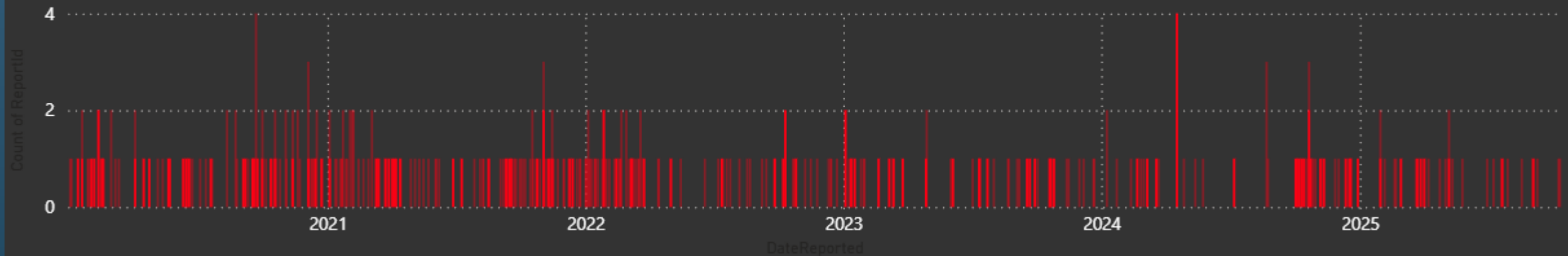
Corn snakes



Confirmed Reports by date

Class ● Reptilia

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How to report



Online form

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/forms/report-an-unusual-animal-sighting>

Email: invasive.species@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Ph: 1800 680 244

Toadscan -

<https://www.feralscan.org.au/toadscan/>

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