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Darwin Junior Rangers Graduate

More than 100 Darwin children aged between 9-11 years of age celebrated their graduation from the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service Junior Ranger Program on the weekend, with a graduation ceremony taking place at the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens.

Parks and Wildlife Senior Community Education Ranger Dean McAdam commended the children on their attendance in the program and their contributions to the environment.

“We’ve had a lot of fun throughout the year, but the children have also learnt a lot about the environment and contributed to environmental conservation within our Top End national parks and reserves,” Mr McAdam said.

Some of this year’s highlights included:

- A visit to the Territory Wildlife Park to learn about Black Flying Foxes
- Investigating insects with CSIRO
- Bushwalks at Casuarina Coastal Reserve
- Exploring animal tracking equipment and techniques
- Bike hikes at Holmes Jungle and Howard Springs Nature Parks
- Assisting Wildcare in their *Caring for Creatures* program

Junior Rangers in Katherine and Alice Springs are set to graduate next month.

The Junior Ranger Program, a free program, has been operating since 1991 and has approximately 250 members throughout the Territory.

The program aims to inspire and empower young people to take an active role in conserving and managing the Territory’s natural and cultural environment.

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Image - (L-R) Junior Rangers Tayla McKinnon and Kira Witte with Community Education Ranger Dean McAdam

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