

STEVE IRWIN WILDLIFE RESERVE

A total of 35 unique ecosystems have been found so far

This diverse mosaic consists of tropical savanna woodlands, rainforests, wetlands and a multitude of water courses.



These ecosystems exist as crucial catchments to the Wenlock and Ducie Rivers, which empty into Port Musgrave.

Relic Rainforests are islands of jungle surviving in amongst a sea of savanna woodlands, which are crucial refuges for rare **Gondwanic** plant species - ancient plants whose origin dates back millions of years.

Tall Stringybark Woodland

Open Savannah Woodlands

Tall Eucalypt Woodlands

Relic Rainforest

Rare Perched Bauxite Springs

Wenlock Rainforest Corridor

Wetlands

Wenlock River

Perched Bauxite Springs are of very high conservation value. They provide critical habitat for an amazing range of **threatened** plant and wildlife species, and deliver a permanent flow of water to the Wenlock River.

The Wenlock is one of Australia's most ecologically significant rivers and supports the richest known diversity of freshwater fish species of any river in the whole of Australia.

Australia Zoo is proud and privileged to be able to continue Steve's conservation and research work in a part of the world that he considered so special.

With help from the area's Traditional Owners, we aim to protect and conserve this ancient landscape with its wealth of special plant and animal species into the future.

