

State aerial kangaroo survey begins

The Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) begins its annual aerial kangaroo survey of South Australia this week.

Tom Gerschwitz from DEH said landholders should not be concerned if they see a light aircraft flying at 250 feet over their properties.

"The aerial survey is one of the longest continuing wildlife surveys anywhere in the world, having been conducted annually since 1978," Mr Gerschwitz said.

"It allows us to estimate the number of kangaroos in pastoral and agricultural regions of the state.

"The survey has had a traditional focus south of the dog fence, but in recent years it has been extended to survey pastoral properties north of the dog fence in the Marla to Oodnadatta region.

"This region will again be surveyed this year, to improve information on kangaroo numbers in this part of the state.

"The survey begins in the eastern sections of South Australia before moving to the northern and western pastoral zones next week," Mr Gerschwitz said.

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