



Linda Reinhold studied terrestrial zoology and print journalism at UQ, with an Honours thesis on the taxonomy of bent-winged bats. She went on to work with microbats for several years, writing a world-first key to their echolocation calls.

Swapping bats for numbats, Linda moved to Western Australia, initially working with Gilbert's potoroos. She ended up as the ecologist on Project Eden for eight years, working with many wild and wonderful mammals and dabbling in herpetology. Working on the remote west coast involved both re-introducing native mammals to Project Eden (often radio-tracking them by small plane) and conducting fauna surveys on the islands of Shark Bay. She was an ambulance attendant in her spare time.

In between mammal jobs, Linda spent some 28 seasons working with sea turtles, both in Australia and throughout the Caribbean.

Since moving back to Queensland and settling in Cairns, Linda has mixed bushwalking with amateur mycology. An interest in glow-in-the-dark fungi led her on night expeditions where she stumbled upon fluorescent mammals. This discovery led her to undertake Masters research on fluorescence in mammal fur.



Linda has published a handful of scientific publications and popular articles. She was the newsletter editor of *Science Queensland* for The Royal Society of Queensland from 1999 to 2001. She has joined our team as a copy editor for the *North Queensland Naturalist*.

