

Fox

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Vulpes vulpes

Distribution

Foxes occur in the canegrowing areas of central and southern Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Description

The fox has a sandy or red-brown coat with a white belly. Its head is broad and has a long sharp-pointed muzzle. The ears are erect, pointed and with dense hairs. The tail is long and very bushy and usually has a white tip, although black tips can occur. Foxes produce a strong musky smell.

Damage

Foxes damage cane by chewing at stalks and leaving the cane plant open to rots. This results in lower stalk weight and sugar content.

Biology

Breeding is seasonal and pregnancies occur between June and October, with most births between August and September. Foxes can give birth to up to four cubs in a litter. Young begin to leave the mother at around 8 weeks. Foxes live in a hole in the ground, beneath an overhang, in dense shrubs, or in a hollow log or tree.

Management

Generally no control is required as foxes usually do little damage.