

Biosecurity checklist for visiting pest free islands



All visitors staying on or visiting an island must complete this biosecurity checklist.

Small animals, ants, rainbow skinks and weeds or exotic seeds are the biggest threats to the pest-free status of our special islands. Gear that has been in the garage or even stored in the house could be hiding rodents, skinks, insects, and seeds.

So, we need your help. Complete the checklist below before you arrive at your departure point.

Items being carried	Action	Done
Packs	Shake out your pack/bag and check the inside, including the pockets. Make sure there are no holes. Ensure packed bags are done up tightly.	
Footwear	Clean your shoes/boots of dirt and seeds. Check the soles, laces, and tongues of shoes for any seeds. Scrub footwear worn in the bush on the mainland in soapy water.	
Clothing	Check your woolly socks, woollen clothing and velcro closures for seeds.	
General gear and clothing	Once you've checked your gear, put it in a pack/bag with a zip and do it up tightly.	
Food	Pack any food into sealed containers.	
Bedding	Check any bedding, including shaking out your sleeping bag and packing it inside another closed bag – not inside the stuff sack	
Tents	Shake out and check camping gear thoroughly. Pack into bags with zips and do up tight. Camping only allowed on islands with official campsites.	
Boat/Kayak	Check your boat/kayak. It's a good idea to keep a couple of baited traps on board at all times.	

THANKS – you might have just made a huge difference!