



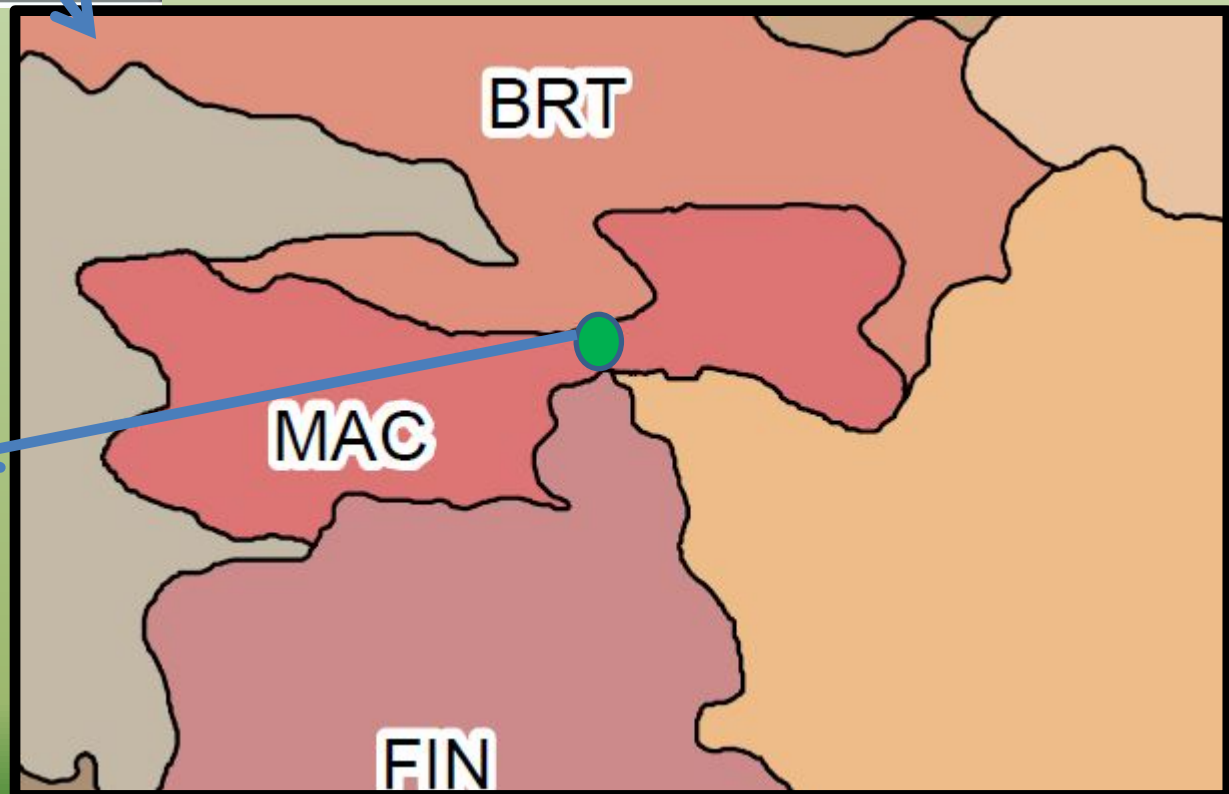
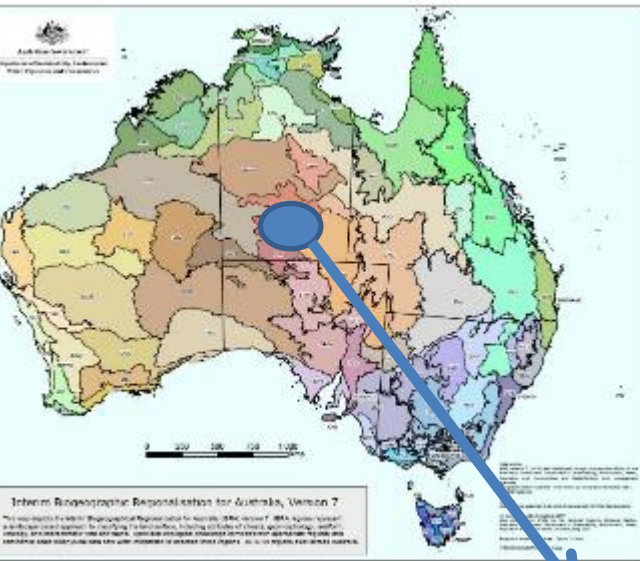
Monitoring and raising awareness about domestic cats in the Alice Springs urban ecosystem.

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Bioregions: MacDonnell Ranges



Alice Springs

Threatened Species



Black-footed Rock Wallaby (*Petrogale lateralis*). C. Watson.



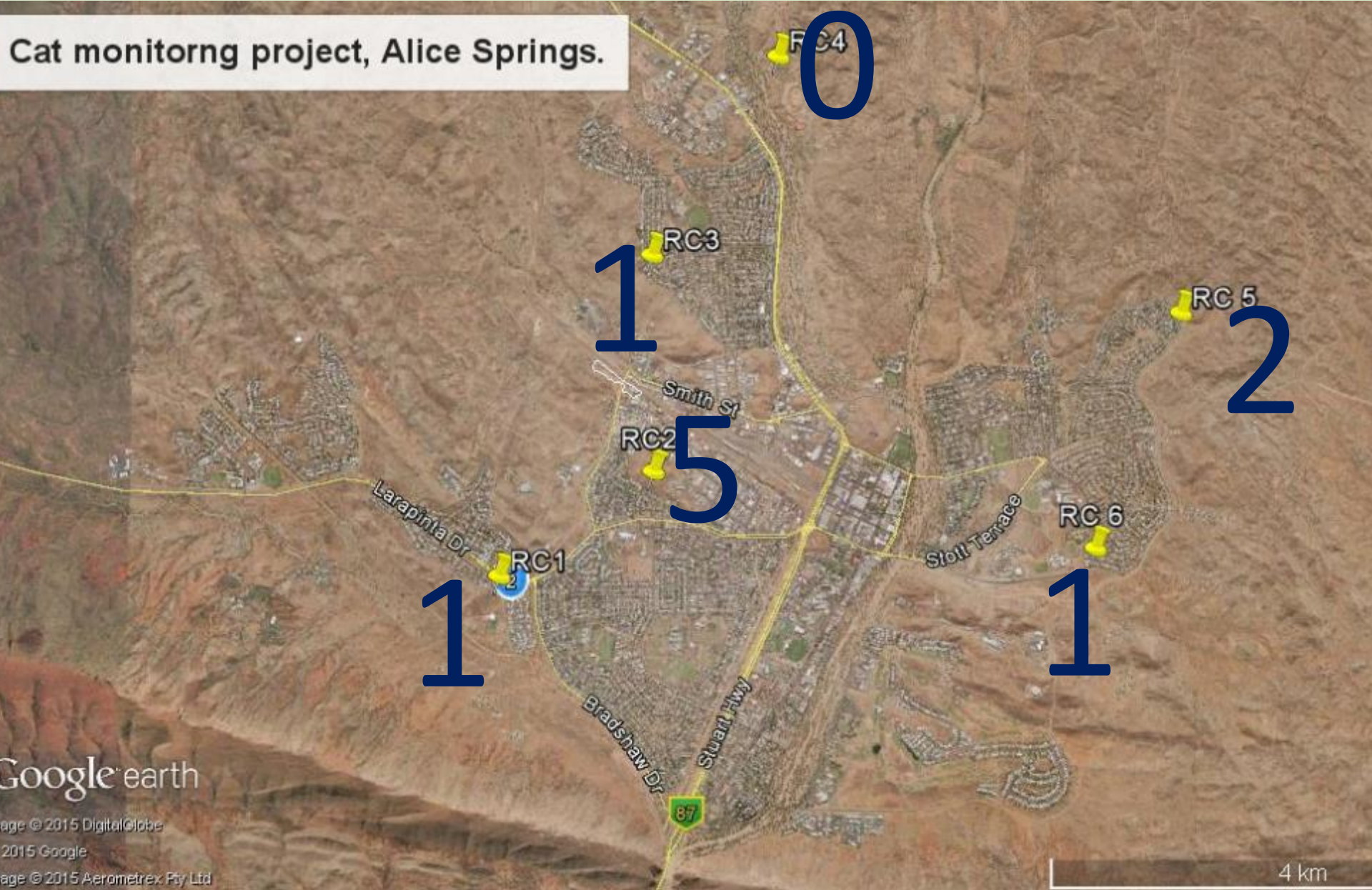
Princess Parrot (*Polytelis alexandrae*). K. Kessing.



Part 1: March – June 2015



Cat monitoring project, Alice Springs.



Kurrajong Drive



Workshops and Community Engagement



Part 2: July 2015 – June 2016



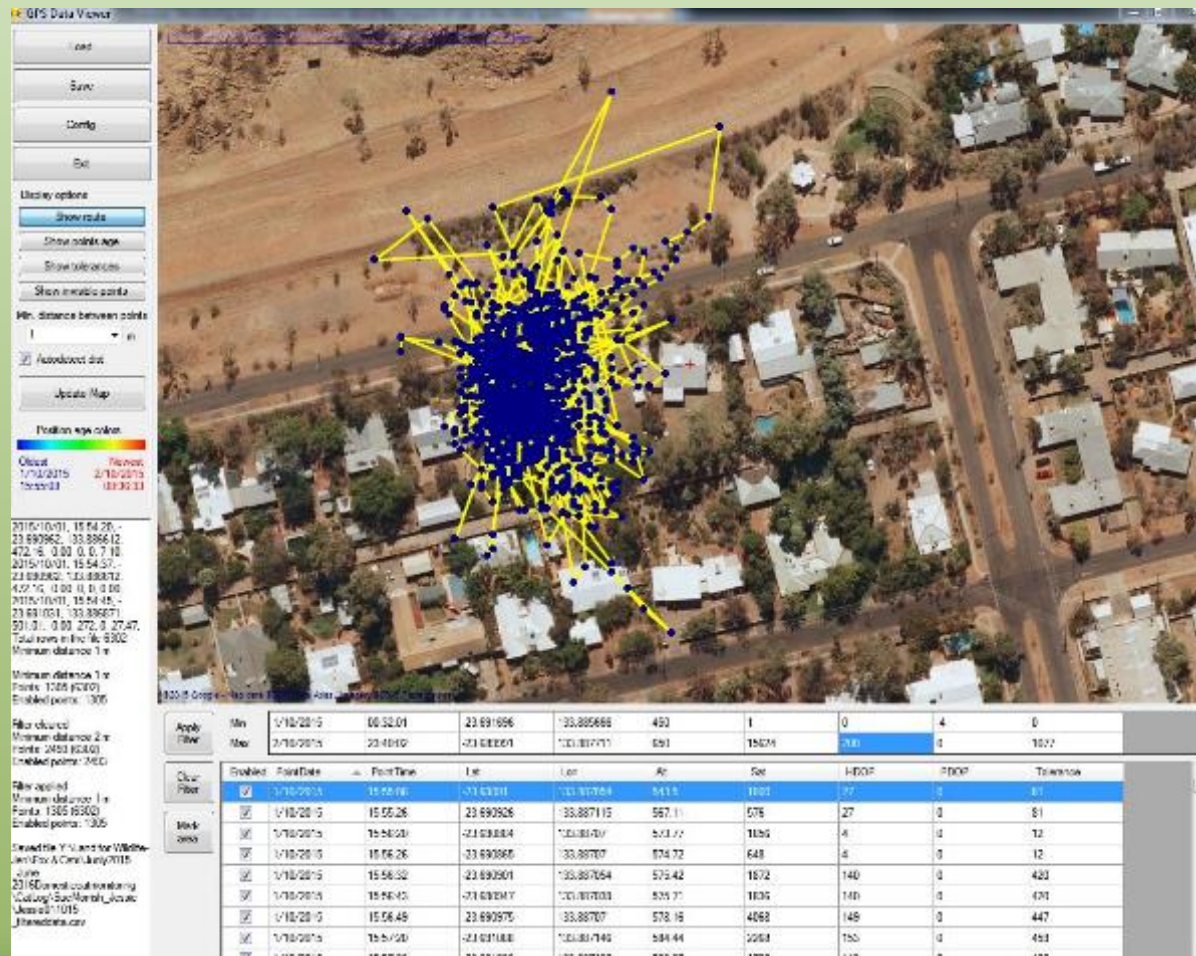
Gauging attitudes: pet owners



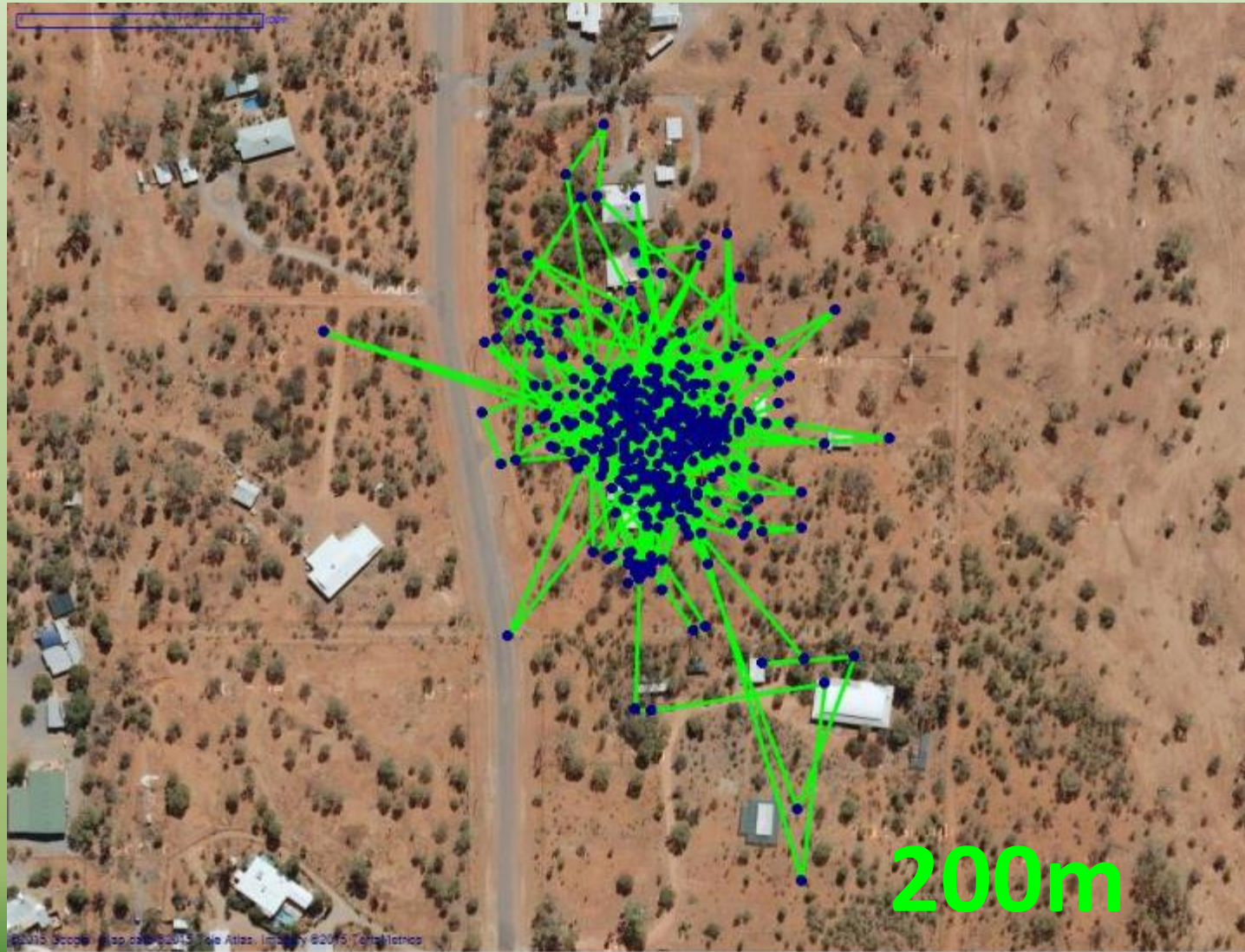
Static Catlog trial



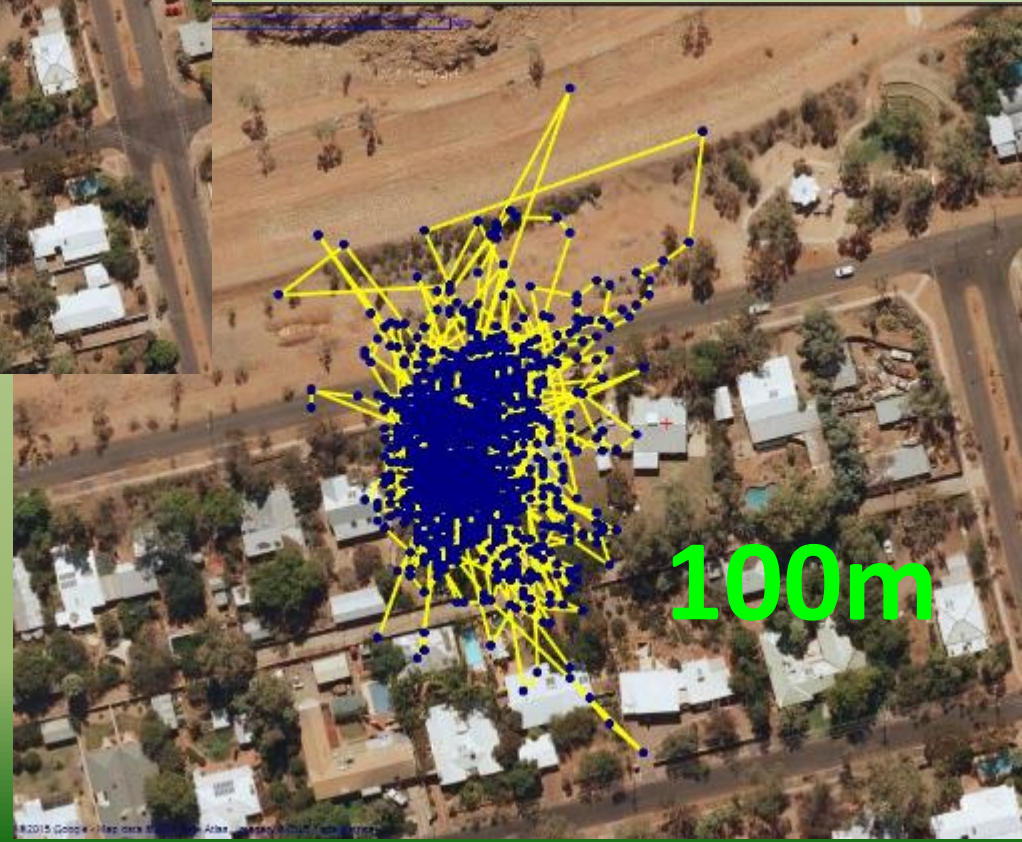
New insight into data analysis



Addie



Jessie



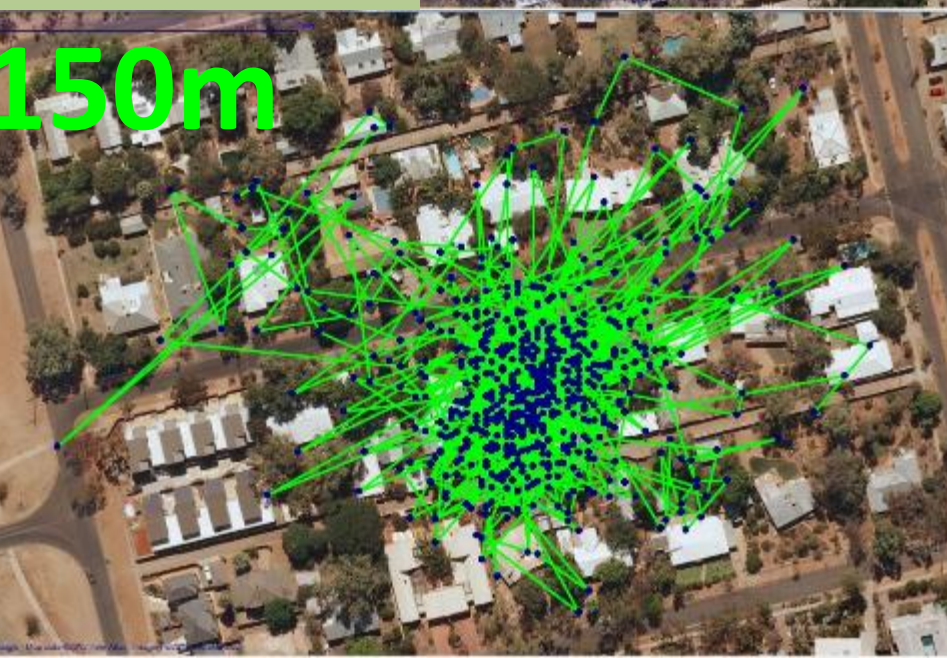
Bubbles



Delphi



Fausto



Minnie



Bobby



Brownie



Brownie



Change in awareness...

- Provoked gentle conversations and reflection.
- The 'penny drops' when one owner is sipping listening to birds singing in their backyard.

Centralian Advocate (newspaper)

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PHOTO: Domestic cats are also hunting wildlife around Alice Springs, according to the not-for-profit group Land for Wildlife (Supplied: Land for Wildlife)

A conservationist is calling for a "conversation" on banning pet cats in Alice Springs after a feral cat video monitoring project showed domestic cats were also hunting wildlife.

Jen Kreusser from the not-for-profit group Land for Wildlife acknowledged a cat ban was a touchy topic, but argued it was something that should be discussed.

"We feel like there's not very much awareness that cats do roam around at night [and] the ecological impact that they can have," she said.

"Regardless of whether they're domestic or feral they're instinctive, carnivorous hunters that they're out there catching lizards and birds and other small mammals."

For six weeks Ms Kreusser monitored remote cameras in six urban yards around Alice Springs to see where cats were moving and what they were

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