

Rainbow Stay

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NSW: Rainbow Stay - Geoffrey Barnier

<http://www.rainbowstaynimbin.com/>

Geoffrey Barnier is the owner of 'Rainbow Stay', a property located approximately 20km north of Lismore. The sanctuary is a dedicated wildlife sanctuary used for education, recreation and tourism through eco-friendly holiday accommodation. Geoffrey intends to rid the sanctuary of invasive weeds, conserve and propagate native plants and encourage native wildlife by regenerating Rainbow Stay with indigenous plant species, all the while setting an example of and offering educational resources for self-sufficiency and sustainability. Rainbow Stay is also a member of the Land for Wildlife network.

The sanctuary covers approximately 2.1 hectares of former cattle property with remnant bushland undergoing regeneration. Although the pastures are exotic grasses and invasive weed species are present many local flora species of note occur, including Australian red cedar (*Toona ciliata*), hoop pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*), silky-oak (*Grevillea robusta*) and some native rainforest grasses.

Wildlife species known to occur on Rainbow Stay include echidnas, possums, bandicoots, micro and fruit bats, and many native reptiles such as carpet pythons, red-bellied black and whip snakes, bandy-bandys, eastern water dragons, goannas and blue-tongued lizards. Since fencing off and regenerating native flora, wallabies have also crossed the bordering creek onto the property.

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