Janine Duffy
Charismatic conservationist, koala field researcher, inspirational speaker and passionate communicator of wild Australian mammals, birds and reptiles.

Known for her big smile, bubbly enthusiasm and Aussie Bush Hat, Janine will leave you inspired.

In 1998, while guiding a wildlife tour, Janine discovered a method of identifying individual koalas by their noses. From this discovery a wild Koala Research Project was born - mapping the home ranges, social interactions, tree use and following the lives of 108 individual koalas in four locations in the You Yangs and Brisbane Ranges National Parks in south-eastern Australia. The project has been described as the best citizen science research project in Australia.

Janine is one of Australia's best Wildlife Guides, a world-award-winning Tour Operator, Koala Researcher and Educator. She is a memorable speaker at conferences and community workshops. She advises on wild koala tree-planting and research projects. Recent guest lectures include: the University of Surrey, UK; University of St Francis, Illinois; Kansas State University, USA and 3 presentations onboard cruise ship Olivia between Australia & New Zealand. She presented her first scientific paper at a Human Dimensions of Wildlife conference in Colorado in October 2014.

The whole natural world is Janine's fascination and reason for living. She loves to watch and learn about the behaviour of birds, mammals, reptiles, spiders, butterflies – she can spend blissful hours just sitting on a log watching native creatures. Conserving the wild animals and ecosystems of Australia has become critical to Janine. She says “a world without wild animals is not worth living in.”

Janine started the not for profit charity Koala Clancy Foundation in 2015 with a mission to: inspire travellers and local communities to help ensure a future for wild koalas. The foundation removes weeds, plants trees, advocates and educates locals about wild koalas. One of the foundation's initiatives is Wild Koala Day, May 3 – a national day to celebrate wild koalas and protect their habitats. #wildKoalaDay

Janine is also one of the three founding members and Vice Chair of the Australian Wildlife Collection – a group of independent tour operators committed to working with, supporting and protecting wild Australian animals.
Well-travelled in her own country and overseas, her favourite places in Australia are East Gippsland – a wild, forested region to the far east of Melbourne; the You Yangs & Brisbane Ranges; Mungo and north-west Victoria; and Darwin, Mary River and Kakadu, Northern Territory. She loves Botswana & Zimbabwe, the wild parts of Colorado & California and the wild west coast of Denmark and Sweden.

She is a wildlife artist and a registered wildlife foster carer. Janine started her working life in sustainable architecture and has a degree in Planning and Design from the University of Melbourne.

*Important note for media: Janine will not be involved in the harassment of wildlife for entertainment purposes. She will not touch or deliberately startle a wild animal to get a great picture. She believes that by respecting the animal you will get an even better picture. Janine is very happy to work with media organisations on programs that educate and stories with a conservation message.*

**SOME MEDIA APPEARANCES, STORIES & PRESENTATIONS:**

2007 Profile: “What Makes An Expert” Tourism Australia 1 minute ad screened on National Geographic Channel UK/Europe – aired in several time slots April 2007
watch on YouTube: [http://youtu.be/5PpOdgsLI6g](http://youtu.be/5PpOdgsLI6g)

2016 Guest appearance on *Wild Australia with Ray Mears* Episode 3 “Bush” aired May 2016 on ITV 1 UK
[blog](http://www.janineisson.com) [YouTube](http://www.youtube.com) (from minute 3.00-7.00)

2016 Mention in *National Geographic* “Natural Beauty: 3 great day trips from Melbourne” by journalist Annie Fitzsimmons

2015 Guest appearance on *Wildlife in Victoria* documentary project for Visit Victoria [YouTube](http://www.youtube.com)


2015 Onboard presenter on *Olivia Cruise Ship*: 3 x 1 hour presentations about Australian wildlife to audiences of 600 guests

2014 Article “*Australia's cuddly koalas are rapidly dying out*” in *Global Post* by journalist Lynette Eyb August 28, 2014


2014 Paper “As Plain as the Nose on their Face: Efficacy of nostril pigment patterns in identifying individual koalas” presented to an academic audience at *Pathways 2014*

2008 Guest on “Gene Simmons Family Jewels” TV program – first aired around 26th August 2008, USA.

2008 Guest on “Jack Hanna's Into the Wild” TV program by journalist Jack Hanna – first aired around 14th October 2008, USA

2011 Guest on “Eye on LA” (during Oprah visit to Australia) by journalist Rachel Smith - aired on KABC-TV Los Angeles on 15 January 2011, USA

2014 Guest on Video “Davey Wavey in Melbourne” on Davey Wavey YouTube Channel

2013 Video interview “Insider Guides: Janine Duffy” on Melbourne Australia official web page

2013 Article “Into the wild” in Destinations Australia magazine by journalist Cassy Polimeni 2013 edition

2013 Video interview “Working with Tourism Australia: Social Media” on Tourism Australia's official web page

2010 Guest on Travelscope TV program by journalist Joseph Rosendo Episode 402 – aired on PBS Channel across USA in 2010, USA

2010 Guest on “View from the Bay” TV program by journalist Nick Smith – aired on ABC 7 San Francisco (KGO), USA on 4th June 2010, USA

2007 Mention in “Op jacht naar de nieuwe Crocodile Hunter” (Hunting for the new Crocodile Hunter) profile by Dylan van Eijkeren in Rails magazine #8-9 October/November 2007, The Netherlands

2003 Story on “Getaway” with presenter Sorrel Wilby (TV) Nine Network – Episode 13 aired 8 May 2003, AUSTRALIA

2001 Mention in “Call of a coastal wilderness” 4 page story by Margret Beemster in Outback magazine Issue 15 Feb/March 2001, Australia

2000 Mention in “Hip deep in dreamtime – Storming the four corners of Oz” 3 pages of a 26 page story by Tom Clynes in National Geographic Adventure magazine, September/October
2000, USA

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