



# AIRCRAFT PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST FOR FLINDERS ISLAND

## Protect Flinders Island - Fly Responsibly!

Aircraft can unintentionally introduce pests that hitch a ride on equipment or are directly attached to parts of the aircraft, such as the undercarriage. Gear that has been in the garage or even stored in the house could be hiding rodents, reptiles, insects and seeds. These pests can cause significant ecological damage, threatening the island's biodiversity and natural beauty.

## So we need your help.

We appreciate your cooperation in following these guidelines closely and helping us maintain Flinders Island as a safe and vibrant sanctuary for all its inhabitants.

## Thanks - you might have just made a huge difference!

Item Checked	Action Required	Completed (✓/X)
1. Prohibited Items	Ensure no live plants, mulch, soil, or live animals are onboard without written approval from the landowners.	
2. Rodent Baiting	Place bait stations with approved rodenticides (Brodifacoum or Difenacoum) in hangar and aircraft cabin at least 5 nights before departure. Check and refresh baits as needed.	
3. Organic Matter Inspection	Check undercarriage, wheels, skids, and accessible voids for soil, plants, seeds, or organic matter. Remove all found.	
4. Disinfection	Treat any areas where organic matter was found with an approved disinfectant (e.g., methylated spirits/water mixture, SteriGENE, Virkon S).	
5. Insecticide Treatment	Apply insect knockdown spray or pyrethroid (bifenthrin) insecticide in all cabin and void spaces.	
6. Visual Insepection for Stowaways	Inspect cabin, hold spaces, and all luggage/cargo for rodents, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates.	
7. Cargo and Goods Inspection	Inspect all goods according to specified CHECK, CLEAN, CLOSE guidelines before loading.	
8. Final Check	Ensure no period of darkness passes between the completion of these checks/treatments and departure.	

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9. Documentation	Record any findings and treatments, report to the landowner/manager, and declare on all relevant paperwork.	

### Container Packing Requirements

All containers must:

- Be able to be fully sealed to prevent access by small invertebrates (e.g. ants). Aiming for this level of protection will effectively exclude all other pest species of concern (e.g. mice and rats).
- Have as smooth as possible exterior and interior surfaces. This prevents/limits areas where soil, seeds, spiders etc. may attach or be missed by cleaning procedures.

### Container Examples

- May include hard cover eskies/coolers or iceboxes, heavy duty fish bins with tightly closing lids, buckets, barrels, or heavy duty tubs of various sizes. Readily available from your local hardware, fishing or boating store.
- All containers must have a suitable lid/door which fully seals with a positive latch, mechanism, or design feature which ensures any improper/incomplete closure is readily noticeable and, accidental opening during storage and/or transport is not possible.
- As a general guide, if a small child could easily close or open the lid of these tubs, then the design is not likely to be suitable.
- Note: foam boxes, cardboard boxes, or open shopping bags are not suitable.



### Additional Guidelines

- What happens if I find pests in my aircraft? Immediate removal is required, and you should contact the Flinders Island biosecurity manager for follow-up actions and report the incident with detailed photos of any intercepted specimens.
- How should I inspect my aircraft? Focus on small nooks and crannies, undercarriages, luggage compartments, and other areas prone to accumulating dirt or hiding pests. Effective cleaning and inspection can significantly reduce the risk of bringing pests to the island.
- Is it necessary to treat the aircraft even if no pests are visible? Yes, treating your aircraft as a precaution is crucial to ensure that any unseen or potential threats are neutralized.
- Communication: Maintain clear communication with the landowner/manager regarding any biosecurity issues and the actions taken.

### Why Your Efforts Matter

From the moment you pack your bags to when you step ashore, every action you take can contribute to conservation. The biosecurity measures you follow are not just procedures; they are proactive steps towards maintaining the ecological integrity and resilience of Flinders Island.

### Contact and Support

For assistance or queries related to biosecurity measures, please contact the Flinders Island team. We are here to support you in ensuring that your visit does not compromise the ecological integrity of Flinders Island.

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**Thank you for your commitment to protecting Flinders Island. By following these guidelines, you help us maintain the island as a pristine natural haven for future generations.**