

Animal studies at Redwood

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THE future scope of a mountain biking masterplan along the Toowoomba escarpment could hinge on environmental studies into its impacts on flora and fauna.

The Toowoomba Regional Council endorsed the plan in late 2019 for 70km of new biking trails through Jubilee and Redwood Parks, the latter of which is believed to be home to endangered birds and animals.

Now the council has employed Redleaf Environmental to capture seasonal data about the types of species that inhabit Redwood Park.

It comes just a few months after a committee of concerned environmentalists was formed to stop the council building trails through Redwood.

“This assessment is being undertaken to ensure the environmental values of the parks are protected in consideration of the potential, future trails network outlined in the masterplan,” Councillor James O’Shea said.

“The data from the assessments (and other information) will be considered by council before any decision is made.”

The report will be lodged with the council soon.