

Do you have what it takes?

Meet Swampy, he is a young Purple Swamp Hen and also another successful story from Tablelands Wildlife Rescue (TWR). Swampy was found without his mother in a driveway near Tinaroo, luckily once found someone phoned the new Tablelands Wildlife Rescue Hotline (4091 7767) and Swampy was given to new carer Loretta Southwell in Yungaburra, aka, Swampies mum. While he is kept as wild as possible, Swampy likes to follow Loretta around, chirp at her and curl up at her feet.

Loretta joined TWR as a carer after attending a recent bird workshop and said she is really enjoying it, "Despite the late nights it's very rewarding, even if you don't know what you're doing, you know by the end of it," she said, "Tablelands Wildlife Rescue have helped so much with advice, education and equipment. They even provided the cage for Swampy to live in, it's such a friendly organisation and I highly recommend people become carers." Swampy will be released in less than two weeks when he gets his feathers through, "It's great to watch him grow, when I got him he was so tiny he could fit in my hands, now he's much bigger and is jumping around, learning to fly." TWR are seeking more carers, It is illegal to take in native wildlife without a permit, TWR help carers acquire a suitable permit and hold classes regularly, including another bird workshop on November 10 (see calendar). They are also seeking people to man the wildlife hotline. Phone 4091 7767.

