

Indigenous Wildlife of the Baw Baw Shire

This guide will assist in identifying some of the fauna species you may find in the Baw Baw Shire. Photographs of birds are in male or female plumage, and it should be noted that male/female, juvenile and seasonal colourations may vary. Photographs are not to scale. Measurements are approximate animal lengths.

WHAT CAN I DO?

- **Protect and enhance** remnant roadside vegetation, seek permission before doing any works.
- **Be a responsible pet owner and confine your pets**, wandering cats are major predators of native wildlife.
- **Plant more “layers”** of plants to attract a greater variety of wildlife.
- **Plant local native plant species** so that *local* fauna is supplied with their proper food and shelter.
- **A multi-row windbreak** is much more effective and is much better for wildlife than a single row, especially if understorey (shrub) species are included.
- **Plant some dense plants for shelter**, (eg Blackwood), and some prickly shrubs (eg Prickly Moses, Hedge Wattle, Bursaria) for safe hiding and nesting for small birds.
- **Include plants that flower at different times** of the year.
- **Regard low-lying spots as beneficial** as frogs and other small wildlife will use them.
- **Rocks sited away from the house** can provide for lizards and snakes, at a safe distance.
- **Nest boxes can provide homes** for many birds and mammals.
- **Water will attract wildlife**, especially birds. Trees or shrubs nearby provide cover from predators.
- **Preserve old and dead trees** if they are not dangerous. **Hollows take** 60+ years to form. 20% of local native land birds and 60% of local native mammals need hollows for shelter and nesting.
- **Retain fallen logs and litter**, it provides essential habitat for woodland birds, small mammals and reptiles, in redgum country it may have taken 400 years to develop beneath each tree.
- **Prevent predator numbers from increasing** to protect native wildlife.
- **Bury fox baits to 10cm to prevent off target poisoning of Quolls.**
- **Join a Landcare Group** to learn more about your local area.

PHOTOGRAPH INFORMATION KEY (beneath photos on last line of text in order of appearance: Conservation - Size - Habitat - Photographer)
Conservation Status: (AUST, vic): Critically Endangered: **c** / Endangered: **Ee** / Vulnerable: **Vv** / Near threatened: **Nn** / Data Deficient: **Dd** / FFG listed: **f**
Habitat: Water: **w** / Open Areas: **o** / Trees: **t** / Shrubs: **s** / Ground layer: **g** / Nocturnal: **n** / Use hollows: **H**

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Land for Wildlife www.dse.vic.gov.au/notes/
Trust for Nature www.tfn.org.au
Responsible Pet Ownership Program www.pets.info.vic.gov.au
Birds Australia www.birdsaustralia.com.au
Victorian Frog Group www.frogs.org.au
Greening Australia www.greeningaustralia.org.au
Landcare Gateway www.landcare.net.au

FURTHER REFERENCES:

Simpson and Day – Field Guide to the Birds of Australia
David Lindenmayer et al – Wildlife on Farms, How to Conserve Native Mammals
Gould League – The Nestbox Book
Alan & Stacey – Nestboxes for Wildlife
Common Weeds of Gippsland booklet – free from Baw Baw Shire Council
Native Plant Revegetation Guide – free from Baw Baw Shire Council
Harold G. Cogger – Reptiles & Amphibians of Australia
Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club Inc – The Nature of Latrobe – A guide to the parks and reserves in the Latrobe Region
Wilson & Swan – Reptiles of Australia

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Birds - Forest



Australian King-Parrot
Alisterus scapularis
45cm - tso - PM



Bassian Thrush
Zoothera lunulata
27cm - tsg - IM



Nankeen Kestrel
Falco cenchroides
35cm - o - TP



Crescent Honeyeater
Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera
17cm - ts - TP



Crimson Rosella
Platycercus elegans
36cm - tH - PM



Eastern Spinebill
Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris
16cm - s - IMcL



Eastern Yellow Robin
Eopsaltria australis
15cm - ts - JAC



Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Cacomantis flabelliformis
28cm - t - TW



Gang Gang Cockatoo
Callocephalon fimbriatum
36cm - oTH - TP



Golden Whistler
Pachycephala pectoralis
17cm - ts - IM



Grey Fantail
Rhipidura fuliginosa
17cm - wts - TW



Grey Goshawk
Accipiter novaehollandiae
v - 55cm - t - TP

Birds - Forest



White-browed Scrubwren
Sericornis frontalis
12cm - sg - IM



Pink Robin
Petroica rodinogaster
12cm - t - TP



Powerful Owl
Ninox strenua
fv - 67cm - tsnH - RB



Superb Lyrebird
Menura novaehollandiae
80cm - g - CC



Rufous Fantail
Rhipidura rufifrons
16cm - ts - TP



Satin Bowerbird
Ptilonorhynchus violaceus
33cm - tsg - IMcL



Silvereye
Zosterops lateralis
12cm - ts - IM



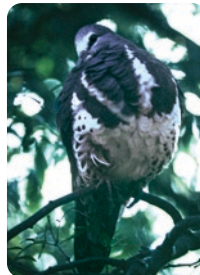
Superb Fairy-wren
Malurus cyaneus
14cm - s - PM



White-eared Honeyeater
Melithreptus lunatus
14cm - ts - TW



White-throated Treecreeper
Cormobates leucophaeus
16cm - tH - TW

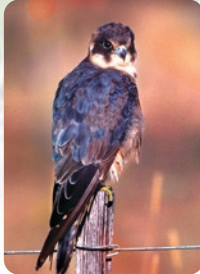


Wonga Pigeon
Leucosarcia melanoleuca
17cm - tsg - DS



Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Lichenostomus leucotis
17cm - ts - IM

Birds - Open Bush/Farmland



Australian Hobby
Falco longipennis
36cm - ot - TP



Australian Magpie
Gymnorhina tibicen
44cm - ot - TW



Blue-winged Parrot
Neophema chrysostoma
24cm - ts - TP



Brown Goshawk
Accipiter fasciatus
ef - 55cm - ot - IMcL



Brown Thornbill
Acanthiza pusilla
10cm - s - IM



Common Bronzewing
Phaps chalcoptera
36cm - tsg - IM



Dusky Woodswallow
Artamus cyanopterus
18cm - t - TP



Eastern Rosella
Platycercus eximius
33cm - oTH - IM



Grey Butcherbird
Cracticus torquatus
30cm - t - IM



Grey Shrike-thrush
Colluricincla harmonica
24cm - tsH - JS



Laughing Kookaburra
Dacelo novaeguineae
48cm - oTH - TW



Little Raven
Corvus mellori
50cm - ot - TW

Birds - Open Bush/Farmland



New Holland Honeyeater
Phylidonyris novaehollandiae
16cm - s - IM



Noisy Miner
Manorina melanoccephala
28cm - ts - IM



Pied Currawong
Strepera graculina
28cm - ots - TP



Red Wattlebird
Anthochaera carunculata
37cm - ts - IM



Scarlet Robin
Petroica multicolor
13cm - ot - IM



Southern Boobook
Ninox novaeseelandiae
35cm - tnH - MSc



Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Cacatua galerita
55cm - oTH - IMcL



Tawny Frogmouth
Podargus strigoides
50cm - tn - JH



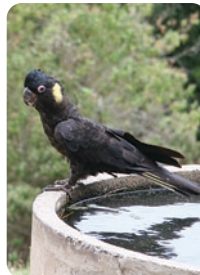
Welcome Swallow
Hirundo neoxena
15cm - o - IM



Willie Wagtail
Rhipidura leucophrys
20cm - os - IM



Yellow-rumped Thornbill
Acanthiza chrysorrhoa
12cm - os - PM



Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo
Calyptorhynchus funereus
65cm - oTH - JAC