

Have you seen a....?

Help bushfire recovery
by reporting your wildlife sightings



Lace Monitor or **Tree Goanna** *Varanus varius*



Spot-tailed Quoll *Dasyurus maculatus*

These carnivorous marsupials are nocturnal so are rarely seen during the day.



Koala *Phascolarctos cinereus*



Eastern Ground Parrot *Pezoporus wallicus*

These heathland birds are shy and elusive, they flush in fright and fly low before disappearing into the vegetation. Ground parrots are found in coastal areas and have distinctive, mostly bright grass-green plumage, marked above and below with bold black and yellow barring. They are small parrots about the size of a lorikeet.

Don't forget to include:

- * Species and location
- * Date and time
- * A photograph - if you have one
- * Your contact details so we can update you on wildlife recovery.



Glossy Black-Cockatoo

Calyptorhynchus lathami

Glossy Black-Cockatoos depend on Allocasuarina (she-oak) cones for food and many of these were lost to fire.

These quiet, unobtrusive birds move in small family groups and are distinguished by the combination of red tail panels, barred in juveniles, and a brown head. Females also have irregular yellow blotches on their head.

There are two other species of black-cockatoo in Victoria: Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, and Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo (which lack the brown head feathers and only occur in SW Vic). **Not us!** If you see a yellow tail, a single yellow cheek patch, or a spotty head you've got the wrong bird.



Diamond Python *Morelia spilota spilota*

These patterned non-venomous snakes grow up to 4m long and live up to 20 years. They are secretive and well camouflaged, occurring only in east Gippsland and along the NSW coast.

Reporting is easy

Simply log your sightings of the animals in this brochure on your favourite **app** (VBAGo, iNaturalist or birdata).



Or

email: report.gippslandwildlife@delwp.vic.gov.au
mail: DELWP Bushfire Recovery,
574 Main Street, Bairnsdale

Local knowledge is valuable. We want to hear your stories; tell us what you've observed following the fires including changes over time and notable absences.

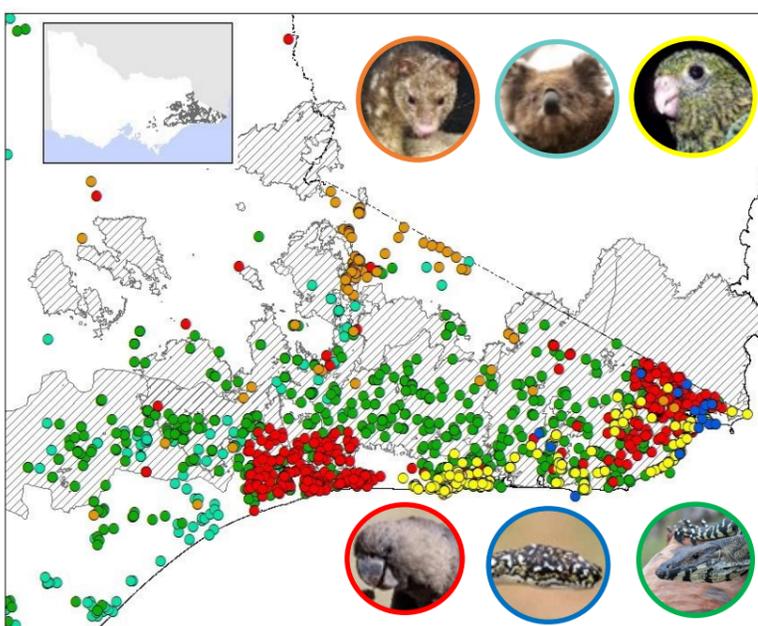
The 2019/20 bushfires through East Gippsland and south-eastern Australia have had a devastating impact on wildlife. Lots of work is being done to help animals recover. Some species are always hard to find and we are seeking your help to better understand how they are faring.

By reporting sightings of these species you will be contributing valuable scientific data to help us understand how wildlife are recovering after fire and identify important places to protect.

Anyone can become a bushfire recovery citizen scientist! Simply keep an eye out (particularly around bushfire-affected areas) and let us know if you hear or see any of these key species.

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Pre-fire distribution



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