

Group Site 4: Rise and Shine Bushland Reserve, Clydesdale



Connecting Country Priority Habitat Zone: Strangways

Start point of the preferred search area (Datum: GDA 94)

Latitude: S 37° 09'28.7" S -37.157972°
Longitude: E 144° 04'33.3" E 144.075917°

Site Description: This site follows a guided walk developed by Newstead Landcare Group. The walk takes you through Heathy Woodland, with Long-leaved Box and Red Box, and then Box-Ironbark Forest. The Rise and Shine Bushland Reserve and its varied woodland bird fauna has been featured regularly on Geoff Park's blog "Natural Newstead".

Getting there: The Rise and Shine bushland reserve is located approximately 8 km west of Newstead. Access is via Ramseys lane, which is off the Newstead Daylesford Road. There is ample parking space, and a picnic table at the entrance to the reserve.

Preferred Survey Method: 20 Minute 2 Hectare search: along a transect of 240m. Start at nature walk post point #3 and walk slowly along the guided walk, counting all the birds you see and hear on 40m either side of the track, for a twenty minute period. The nature walk post #5 is at 270m, so you can finish the transect here. **Other survey methods:** You may wish to record an Area Search of >500m, and record all the species you see and hear for the whole walk.

Notes: There is a shelter and a picnic table for a cuppa. Diamond Firetails, Black-chinned Honeyeaters and Little Lorikeets are seen occasionally at the Rise and Shine, among many other woodland birds. This site is part of the Box-Ironbark Important Bird Area or IBA, as identified by BirdLife International.