

Group Site 9: Lakeys Road, Bradford



Connecting Country Priority Habitat Zone: Blue Hills

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

Latitude: S 36° 53'55.82" S 36.898839°
Longitude: E 144° 01'54.86" E 144.031906°

Site Description: This site is located along a gravel road in the Shelbourne / Bradford area. The roadside vegetation is largely mature Grey Box, with private land bushland on one side, and a property that has had direct seeding revegetation undertaken in winter 2015 on the other. An old rail reserve runs approximately north-south, and has many large old Yellow Gums. This roadside site has been selected due to the lack of public land in the Blue Hills zone.

Getting there: This site is about 4 kilometres north-west of Bradford. (There is no township in Bradford – but there is a collection of houses at the intersection of the Maldon-Shelbourne Rd and Bradford Rd). When driving from Maldon, pass through Bradford on the Maldon-Shelbourne Rd, and keep going north-west to the next intersection (which is also when the sealed section of road comes to an end). Pinchgut Lane is on the right, and Lakeys Rd is the dirt road on your left (NB: there is no roadside sign pointing down Lakeys Rd). Travel west down Lakeys Rd towards the bush in the distance (which is about 1.3kms from the intersection), taking care to avoid the ponies and ducks that may be on the road. You cross the dry creek crossing, and when there is first forest on both sides of the road, there is also a large old rusted iron fence on your left. You may also see the remnants of the dismantled Maldon-Shelbourne rail easement. Park here on the road side (without blocking any of the gates).



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Preferred Survey Method: 20 Minute 2 Hectare search: The survey transect is along the public roadside. The survey transect starts from the star picket on your left near the gate. Take a 240 metre walk in a westerly direction down Lakeys Rd, counting all the birds you see and hear for a distance of up to 40 metres on either side of the centre of the road. The start and end of the transect is marked with a star picket – with the end picket on the left hand side.

Notes: Hooded Robins, Jacky Winters, Brown Treecreepers and other woodland specialists such as Restless Flycatchers have been recorded on a regular basis at this site. This track is on a quiet public road. Although you are unlikely to see another vehicle on it during your 20 minute count, it is still used periodically – so be careful of passing traffic during your survey. The cars have right-of-way!

We only have permission to obtain access to the public roadside. Although the survey area extends into the adjoining private land, please avoid leaving the roadside reserve. With a reasonable pair of binoculars, it should be possible to obtain sufficiently good views up to 40 metres on either side of the centre of the road without leaving the roadside reserve.