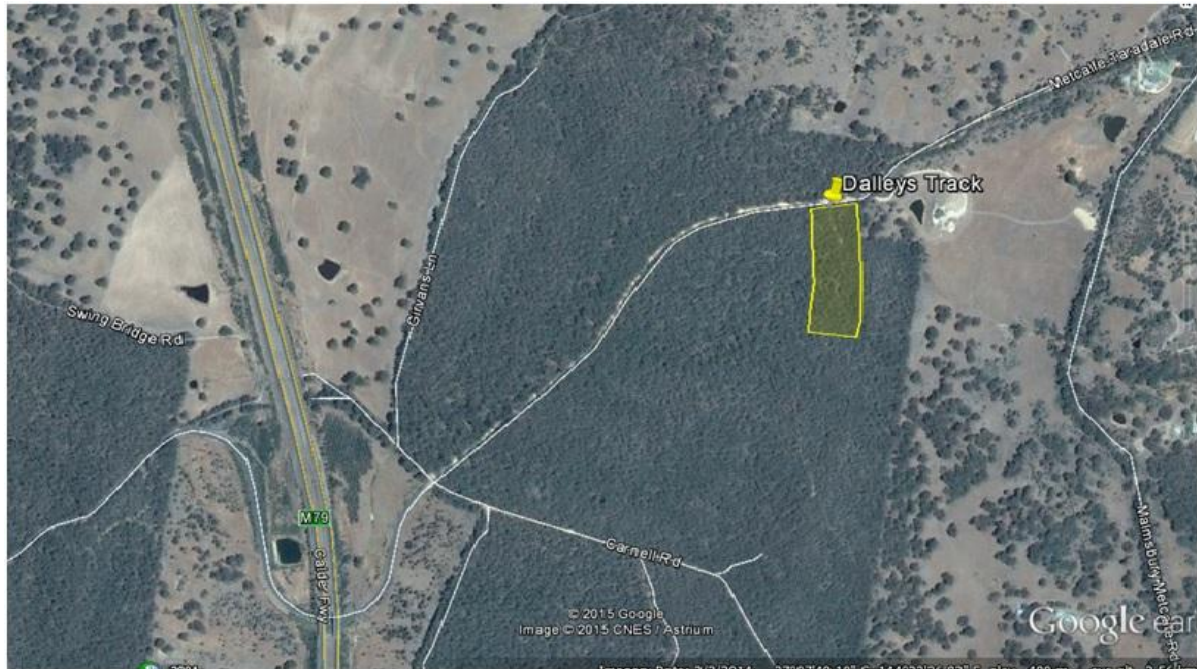


Group Site 2: Dalleys Track, Metcalfe State Forest



Connecting Country Priority Habitat Zone: Metcalfe

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

Latitude: S 37° 07'46.5" S 37.129583°
Longitude: E 144° 24'01.7" E 144.40047°

Site Description: This site is located in Metcalfe State Forest, on the western side of the freeway opposite the Taradale Nature Conservation Reserve. There is a lush grassy understory of Silvertop Wallaby Grass, with stringybark/ box trees of medium age.

Getting there: This site is about 5 kilometres west of Taradale. The easiest way to access the site is to take the Metcalfe-Taradale Road which takes you from Taradale, under the Calder Freeway. Dalleys Track is on your left about 1.5 km from the freeway underpass if you are coming from Taradale. There is space at the start of Dalleys Track to park your vehicle. (The site can also be accessed from the east via Metcalfe).

Preferred Survey Method: 20 Minute 2 Hectare search: The transect begins from the start of Dalleys Track. Take a 240 metre walk down the track in a southerly direction, counting all the birds that you see and hear for a distance of up to 40 metres on either side of the track. The start and end of the transect are marked with a star picket.

Notes: This site has fairly typical forest birds such as White-throated Treecreeper, Golden Whistler, Scarlet Robins and various thornbills.

This transect runs along a public road. Although rarely used by vehicles, be aware of passing cars that have right-of-way.