

Group Site 3: Captains Gully Rd, Sandon State Forest



Connecting Country Priority Habitat Zone: Sandon

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

Latitude: S 37° 08'09.7" S -37.136028°
Longitude: E 143° 59'39.6.5" E 143.994333°

Site Description: This site features an open patch of Box-Ironbark Forest with large old Grey Box trees. The proximity to farmland means that some edge species such as Jacky Winters may be seen. The site is entirely within public land (Sandon State Forest).

Getting there: The site is located approximately 7 km south west of Newstead. Access to the site is from Captains Gully Rd (via the Pyrenees Hwy to the west of Newstead) or Captains Gully-Sandon Rd (via the Newstead-Creswick Rd to the south-west of Newstead). From Captains Gully Rd, O'Callagahans Track is signposted with an orange sign. After turning west onto O'Callaghan's Track, drive about 270 metres until you reach a fenceline that runs north at the edge of bush and cleared land. Park your car off the track here. This point has a small star picket on your left.

Preferred Survey Method: 20 Minute 2 Hectare search: From where you have parked your car, walk northwards along the fenceline following an old road track as the land rises slightly for about 180 metres until you see another star picket. This is the beginning of the transect line. Your 20 minute survey can then commence, continue northwards along the track for a further 240 metres, counting all the birds you see and hear for 40m on either side of the track. This does include some paddock area on your right. The end of the transect is also marked with a small star picket.

Notes: This site is part of the Bendigo Box-Ironbark Important Bird Area or IBA, as identified by BirdLife International. Brown Treecreeper, Jacky Winter and Varied Sitella have been seen here.