

Group Site 6: Tarilta Rd, Castlemaine Diggings Heritage Park



Connecting Country Priority Habitat Zone: Glenluce

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

Latitude: S 37 09'47.7" S -37.163250

Longitude: E 144 12'24.3 E 144.206750

Site Description: This site is within the Castlemaine Diggings Heritage Park, with adjoining farmland to the north and east. There are many large old Yellow Gums along the transect.

Getting there: This survey site is located adjacent to the Vaughn-Tarilta Rd, approximately one kilometre south of the Vaughn township. Due to a bridge closure in Vaughn, the site is best accessed via Tarilta. The site is approximately 1.3 km east of Tarilta.

Travel from Guildford via Kemps Bridge rd, then Tarilta Rd. Approximately 1.3 km from Kemps Bridge Rd on Tarilta Rd there is a "No Through Road" sign; turn left here towards a farmhouse. The road takes you through a farm house and possibly many animals such as geese and cows, but it is a public road!

Travel through the hilly dirt road with bushland on your left, when this turns into open land and there is a fenceline on your left, you have found the site.

Preferred Survey Method: 20 min 2 ha transect. The transect runs along a winding path that starts near the fenceline. The transect is marked at the beginning by a small star picket, and extends for 240 metres in a southerly direction. Count all the birds you see and hear in the bushland for up to 40 metres on either side of the path. Species seen before and after this period – or in the adjoining bushland or farmland - can be recorded separately as a '500 metre area search' survey.

It is recommended that you do not depart from the track as you do the transect survey. The surrounding land has many remnants of old gold diggings and is very pock-marked with obvious and hidden mine shafts.



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Notes: Look for Jacky Winters, Yellow-rumped Thornbills on the fenceline when you park your car. These can be recorded as part of your 'area search' survey. The transect line for the 20 minute 2 hectare search is in the forest itself, where these 'edge' species are less likely to occur. Woodland specialist species such as Yellow-tufted Honeyeaters, Brown Treecreepers and Eastern Yellow Robins are often seen in the bushland along the transect.