



Forest Creek near site 5 (photo: Jenny Rolland)



Yellow-faced Honeyeater (photo: Damian Kelly)

Bird walk for beginners

Forest Creek, Castlemaine

Forest Creek restoration: a tribute to volunteers

Since 2003 Castlemaine Landcare Group has worked tirelessly to convert Forest Creek from a weedy wasteland into one of the outstanding natural features of Castlemaine. Thanks to countless volunteer hours, we can now enjoy a beautiful creek environment that provides valuable habitat for a diverse array of birds and other native animals, and benefits landscape health.

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This bird walk arose through Connecting Country partnership with Castlemaine Landcare Group, BirdLife Castlemaine District and Castlemaine Field Naturalists Club, with support from Parks Victoria.

If you enjoy this walk, continue on to explore Pennyweight Flat Cemetery, Kalimna Park and other fascinating spots within Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park.

Useful resources

BirdLife Australia
birdlife.org.au

Castlemaine Field Naturalists Club
castlemainefnc.wordpress.com

Castlemaine Landcare
castlemainelandcare.org.au

Parks Victoria
parks.vic.gov.au

Connecting Country
connectingcountry.org.au

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Dja Dja Wurrung elders and their forebears are the Traditional Owners of Country in the Mount Alexander region. We acknowledge the living culture of First Nations people and their integral role in caring for the land for many thousands of years.



Front cover: Scarlet Robin (photo: Geoff Park)



A short, guided bird walk
for all ages and abilities, featuring QR codes
for detailed bird and habitat information

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Start walk: corner of Colles Rd and Murphy St, Castlemaine VIC 3450

Length: 1.5km, one-way

Grade: easy, follows a graded path

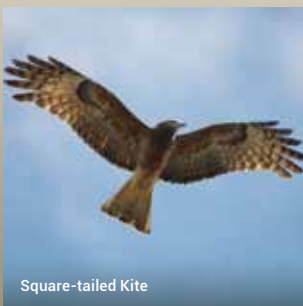
This walk is part of the Leanganook Track. To learn more about each site, please scan the QR codes.

Extend your walk

You may like to extend your walk by exploring the adjoining Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park at Pennyweight Flat Cemetery, 500m north of the bird walk start, as marked on the map. This historical spot contains some large old Grey Box trees that attract an interesting array of birds and other wildlife.



(photos: Damian Kelly)



Square-tailed Kite



White-faced Heron



Common Bronzewing

Less common birds you might see

Brush Bronzewing on the ground or in shrubs.

Australian Spotted Crane and **Spotless Crane** close to the water.

Raptors like **Brown Goshawk**, **Grey Goshawk**, **Collared Sparrowhawk**, **Square-tailed Kite** and **Wedge-tailed Eagle** circling overhead.

Australian Owlet-nightjar hiding in trees.

Flocks of **Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos** and **Long-billed Corellas** flying by.

Introduced birds like **Blackbird**, **European Goldfinch** and **Starling**.