

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.

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 connecting country.org.au

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.





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

ront cover: Scarlet Robin (photo: Geoff Park)

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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.



5 Indigenous plants sign

You might see: Grey Shrikethrush, Superb Fairywren, Silver Eye, White-browed Scrubwren, Red-browed Finch, Pacific Black Duck, Little Pied Cormorant.



3 Mistletoe and revegetation

You might see: White-naped Honeyeater, Brown-headed Honeyeater, New Holland Honeyeater, Musk Lorikeet, Weebill, Mistletoebird.



2 Large Manna Gum

You might see: Galah, Long-billed Corella, Australian Reed Warbler, Eastern Rosella, Red-rumped Parrot, Yellow-faced Honeyeater.

Pennyweight Flat Cemetery

Extend your walk
You may like to extend

your walk by exploring the

Park at Pennyweight Flat

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.

Cemetery, 500m north of the

adjoining Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage

End walk

Castlemaine Visitor

8 Grassland restoration

You might see: Masked Lapwing, Australian Magpie, Welcome Swallow, Pacific Black Duck, White-faced Heron, Australian Reed Warbler.



Pyrenees Hwy

7 Mature understorey plants

You might see: Rufous

Fairywren, Weebill.

Whistler, Brown Thornbill.

Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo,

Grey Shrike-thrush, Superb

Montgomery

6 Forest Creek crossing

You might see: Welcome Swallow. Grey Fantail, Brown Thornbill, New Holland Honeyeater, Common Bronzewing, White-faced Heron.



4 Dense understorey

You might see: Superb Fairywren, Rufous Whistler, Weebill, Grey Fantail, Yellow-rumped Thornbill, Striated Thornbill.



1 Ironbark Trees

You might see: Yellow-faced Honeyeater, New Holland Honeyeater, Musk Lorikeet, Crimson Rosella, Brown Thornbill, Red Wattlebird.



Start walk

(photos: Damian Kelly)





Less common birds you might see

Brush Bronzewing on the ground or in shrubs.

Australian Spotted Crake and Spotless Crake 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**.