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## **SOS Woodland Birds In TSRs Bungendore And Braidwood**



**Lovely Eucalypt in Reedy Creek TSR**

### **Project Update**

Now entering its fifth and final year, the SOS - Woodland Birds in TSRs project is as busy as ever. On-ground works, community engagement and monitoring were ticked off the agenda this spring despite the record breaking rainfall and extremely wet conditions onsite.



Spring has sprung! A collection of wildflowers found in our TSRs over Spring. (Top Left): Hoary Sunray, *Leucochrysum albicans* var. *albicans*. (Top Right:) Fringed Lily, *Thysanotus tuberosus*. (Bottom Left:) Pink Fingers, *Caladenia cernea*. (Bottom Right) Bulbine Lily, *Bulbine bulbosa*.

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## Monitoring

### Bird surveys with Rainer Rehwinkel

In early September, Ecologist Rainer Rehwinkel conducted our final bird surveys. Rainer visited all six TSRs over three days to complete the surveys, adding to an already impressive data set on the diversity of woodland species in our region. Thank you Rainer for all your hard work, both this year and

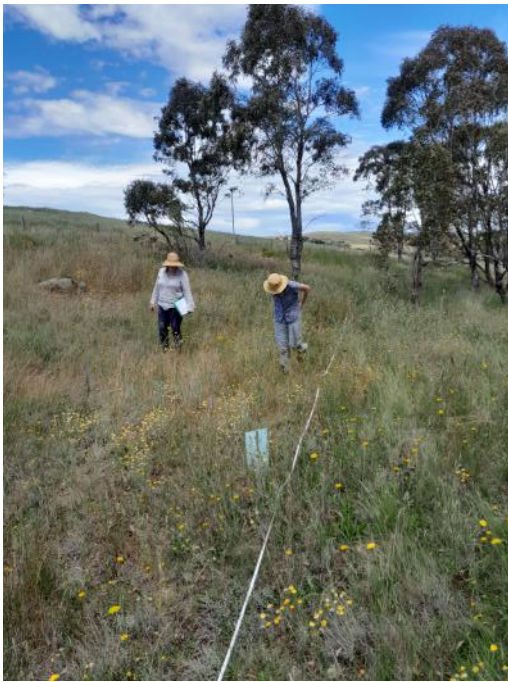
throughout the life of the project. Data can be found at [www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org) by searching the following hotspots:

- Gidleigh Lane
- Brooks Hill
- Sweenys
- Duck Flat
- Reedy Creek
- Doughboy

### **BAM Assessments with Maya Potapowicz**

Back on board after a successful year, we hit the paddocks with the talented Botanist Maya Potapowicz for our annual BAM (Biodiversity Assessment Method) assessments. Three of our six reserves were assessed in late November, with the remaining three scheduled for late December. We were lucky to be assisted by student and up and coming plant boffin Anneke Stevens. A big thanks you to Maya and Anneke for a great day, and see you again later in the year.





(Top:) Thin Clubbed Mantis Orchid *Caladonia atrovessa* found during BAM assessments.  
(Bottom:) Maya and Anneke hard at work conducting BAM assessments.

## Garbage-busting CIT

Thanks to the hardworking Conservation Environment Management students from CIT, we were able to remove over 350kgs of rubbish from Sweenys TSR, near Bungendore. 15 students headed out in late November to tackle the giant heap, a mix of dumped household and industrial rubbish. A big thank you to Elyssa and Blake for helping to organise a successful day protecting our local environment.





**Sweeny's TSR Clean-up day with CIT - Over 350kgs of garbage removed from site.**

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## **Woodland Birds on Small Farms Workshop - Small Farms Network**

Thanks to Alex from the Small Farms Network and local property owners Jules and Wendy, we were invited to speak to local small farmers and property owners from the Bungendore region. The purpose of the workshop was to highlight the importance of retaining and creating habitat for woodland birds. We teamed up with Richard Beggs from Sustainable farms and Tobi Edmunds from the NSW Biodiversity Trust to emphasize the importance of habitat for woodland birds and encourage the 26 participants to manage their properties with woodland bird conservation in mind. Thanks again to Alex from Small Farms Network for organising the day, and to Jules and Wendy Goodburn for kindly hosting.



**Small Farm Networks Woodland Birds and Habitat Workshop in September.**

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## Weeds ID workshop - Carwoola Landcare

In November we teamed up with Carwoola Landcare to conduct a Weeds Identification Workshop, with an emphasis on weeds that can affect the woodland bird population. 12 local land holder attended the workshop, making a successful day. We started the morning with a bit of theory; followed by a paddock walk and identification session; and morning tea. Thank you to everyone who came along, and a big thank you to Lyn form Carwoola Landcare for organising the day.



Participants of the Carwoola Landcare Weeds Identification Workshop in November.

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## Contract Spray

The boys at Matt Parker Rural have hit the ground running on weed control at Sweenys and Gidleigh TSRs, conducting weed spraying and removal over three days in early December. Matt and the crew still managed to squeeze some days in between wet spells to attack some of the Blackberry and Serrated Tussock that have sprung up with the heavy rainfall.



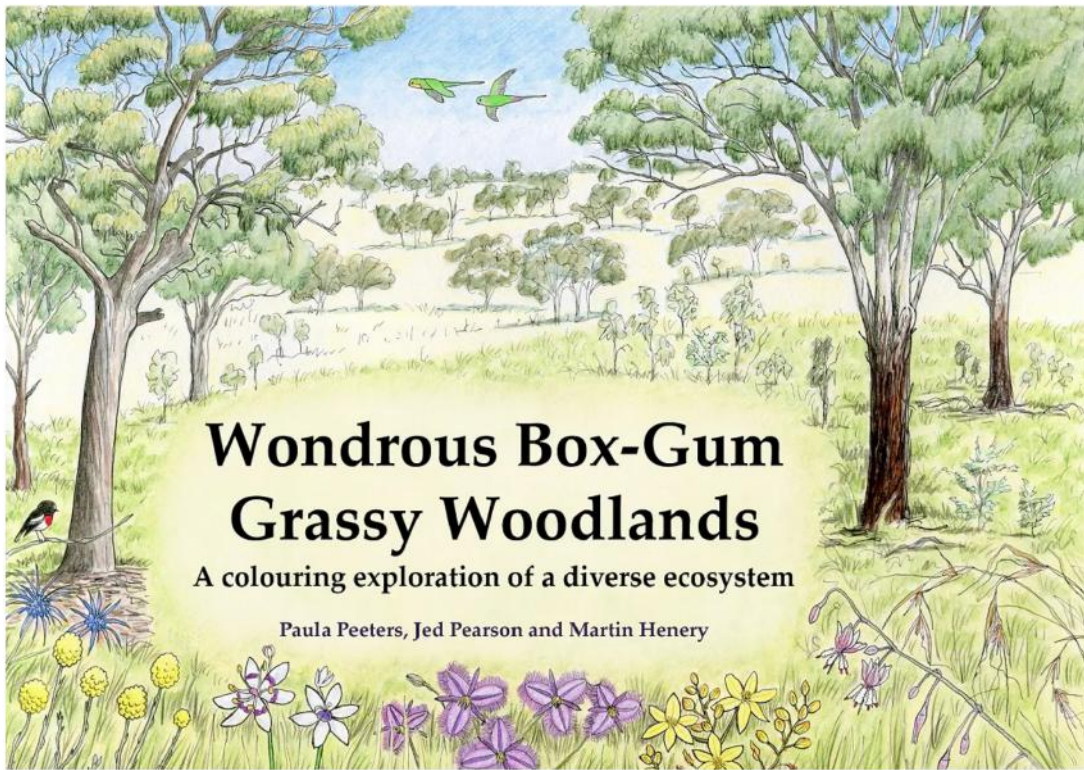
**Matt and the crew at Sweenys TSR in December.**

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## **Woodland Colouring book**

*Wondrous creatures of the box-gum grassy woodlands: a colouring exploration of a diverse ecosystem*, explores the threatened ecosystem of the same name. It is available for free download below. It is the work of artist and ecologist Paula Peeters. Commissioned by Molonglo Conservation Group (MCG) and the ACT Government, with funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, to raise awareness of this precious environment and the creatures that are its inhabitants. The pages in this book can be coloured in, and the key at the back will enable you to identify each species.

<https://www.molonglo.org.au/post/explore-a-diverse-ecosystem-through-a-beautiful-free-colouring-book>



# Wondrous Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands

A colouring exploration of a diverse ecosystem

Paula Peeters, Jed Pearson and Martin Henery

## Join the Land for Wildlife scheme

Land for Wildlife is a voluntary property registration scheme for landholders who wish to manage areas of wildlife habitat on their property.

Land for Wildlife encourages and assists landholders to include nature conservation along with other land management objectives.

Land for Wildlife is free to join and is not legally binding. Registration in the scheme will not change the legal status of a property.

For more information or to organise a free assessment, please contact me on 0476251910 or email [jed.pearson@molonglo.org.au](mailto:jed.pearson@molonglo.org.au).





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