

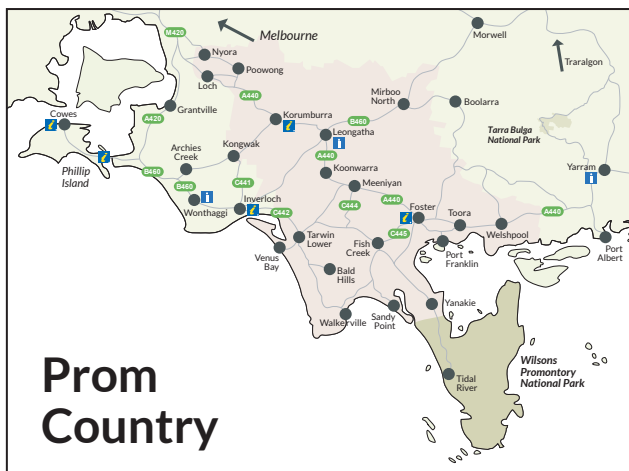
Prom Country

# Indigenous Birds

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A guide to indigenous birds  
in South Gippsland



The Prom Country region of Victoria, Australia is home to many beautiful landscapes, both coastal and inland.

Home to the iconic Wilsons Promontory National Park (the southernmost point of mainland Australia), Prom Country is a fantastic destination for family getaways, relaxing romantic weekends, scenic day trips or a variety of other experiences.



Otherwise known as South Gippsland, Prom Country includes Wilsons Promontory National Park ('The Prom'), as well as surrounding areas of countryside. Towns in Prom Country include Loch, Nyora, Poowong, Korumburra, Leongatha, Koonwarra, Meeniyan, Dumbalk, Mirboo North, Tarwin Lower, Venus Bay, Fish Creek, Foster, Walkerville, Waratah Bay, Sandy Point, Yanakie, Port Franklin, Toora, Welshpool, Port Welshpool and more.



# Prom Country Birds

Australia is home to many unique birds, and the Prom Country (South Gippsland) region of Victoria has a plethora of these birds just waiting to be found.

This brochure presents an assortment of birds that are native to Prom Country. Some are common and can be easily spotted, while others are very rare and require a combination of patience and luck to see.

Birdwatching can be a fantastic pastime for all ages, as it can be a good way to relax and combines observing the beauty of nature with getting out and about in the great outdoors.

If you are able to check off sightings of all 102 birds in this brochure, then you'll be well on your way to becoming a true 'birder'.

## Birdwatching Tips

When observing birds, please remember that you are in their natural habitat, so behave like you would as a guest in someone else's home.

Keep a safe distance from birds, avoid making loud noises that would cause disturbances, take your rubbish away with you and keep flash photography to a minimum.

If searching for birds, be sure to wear suitable clothing for the weather conditions, and always take a hat and sunglasses. Use sunscreen and consider taking insect repellent with you, especially if visiting wetland areas where insects are rife.

Pack some drinks and snacks if you plan on making a day of it, and make sure you have a charged mobile phone in case of emergency. If heading to remote areas, be aware that mobile reception may be unavailable, so plan ahead and let someone know where you are going before you leave.

Most birds are easily startled, so to get a close look at them, don't forget to take some binoculars and/or a camera with a zoom lens.

Finally, remember to take a pen or marker with you to check off each of the birds shown in this brochure as you find them.

Can you spot them all?



## Wilsons Promontory National Park

The southernmost point of mainland Australia, the Prom is a pristine slice of natural wilderness home to an abundance of native flora and fauna. Coastal birds can often be seen at the Prom's many beaches, while its areas of temperate rainforest are perfect for discovering many of the forest-dwelling birds shown in this brochure. The open plains and grasslands of Wilsons Promontory also represent possibly the only places in Prom Country where the quintessentially Australian Emu can regularly be found grazing peacefully in the wild.



## Tarra Bulga National Park



On the eastern edge of Prom Country is Tarra Bulga National Park, home to lush rainforest and many indigenous birds. Several picturesque walking tracks traverse through the park, including a short track to the iconic Corrigan Suspension Bridge and the longer Lyrebird Ridge Track, a good place to head if you're trying to track down that most elusive forest mimic.

## Bald Hills Wetland Reserve

The Bald Hills Wetland Reserve is located between Tarwin Lower and Walkerville. From Tarwin Lower, head east for about a kilometre, then turn left into Bald Hills Road. At the end of the road (approximately 4km), you'll find the wetland reserve, along with stunning views of the Bald Hills Wind Farm. A 750m walking track runs through the reserve from the car park to the wetlands area, where an abundance of birdlife can be observed. Allow 15 minutes each way and watch out for snakes in warmer months. A bird hide is planned for completion by early 2019.



## Toora Bird Hide

Situated at the end of Toora Jetty Road, the Toora Bird Hide is an ideal location to view many of the coastal and wetland birds pictured in this brochure. Ample parking is available at the Toora Boat Ramp, and a short 500 metre, wheelchair-accessible path will take you to the bird hide, looking out towards the waters of Corner Inlet.



## Venus Bay Lookout



An elevated lookout facing the open plains of the Point Smythe Coastal Reserve across to the waters of Anderson Inlet, the Venus Bay Lookout is a great destination for tracking down many grassland/wetland, coastal and open bush birds. The lookout is located on Lees Road, between Condon Crescent and McIndoe Avenue. There is no clear street signage for the lookout, so your first task as a birdwatcher will be to spot the lookout itself!

Other hotspots for birds in Prom Country include:

- Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve (Toora)
- Cape Liptrap Coastal Park (Walkerville)
- Duck Point Loop (Yanakie)
- Foster Flora Reserve (Foster)
- Leongatha Wetlands (Leongatha)
- Lyrebird Forest Walk (Mirboo North)
- Meenyan Golf Club & Park (Meenyan)
- Port Franklin Boardwalks (Port Franklin)
- Wuchatsch Reserve (Nyora)

For more information on these locations and many others, pick up a copy of the **Prom Country Walking Trails** brochure.

Additional bird information can be found online at:

- [www.birdlife.org.au](http://www.birdlife.org.au)
- [www.birdsinbackyards.net](http://www.birdsinbackyards.net)

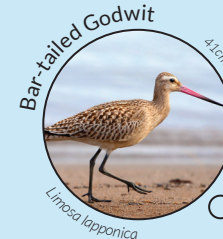




## Forest Birds



## Coastal Birds





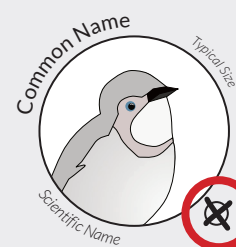
## Grassland/Wetland Birds



## Open Bush/Farmland Birds



## How to use this brochure



Check the circle on any birds you have spotted. Try to find them all!

There are 102 birds shown in this brochure, but this is not an exhaustive list of all the birds that can be found in Prom Country. If you're lucky, you might be able to find some others!

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