

EASTERN GROUND PARROT



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Pezoporus wallicus

About

The eastern ground parrot is a distinctive, slender parrot which is shy and elusive and not usually seen unless it is flushed out from cover and fly low before disappearing back into vegetation. Ground parrots are found in coastal heathland areas. They have distinctive, mostly bright grass-green plumage, marked above and below with bold black and yellow barring. They are small parrots about the size of a lorikeet.

Conservation in East Gippsland

The eastern ground parrot is one of only five ground-dwelling parrots in the world and is listed as an Endangered species in Victoria.

The eastern ground parrot is dependent on coastal heathland and heathy woodland. Before the 2019-20 fires, East Gippsland supported the largest population of the species in Victoria. The fires burnt most of the coastal heathlands on public land east of Orbost, however some heathlands remained unburnt on the Marlo Plains, on both public and private land.

The 'Ground Parrots on the Marlo Plains' project will document heathlands on the Marlo Plains and survey for the presence of ground parrots in selected heaths judged most likely to be suitable habitat.

The project will contribute to our understanding of the distribution of the Endangered Ground Parrot after the 2019-20 fires and will support land managers (both public and private) to recognise Ground Parrot habitat on their land across the Marlo Plains.

If you are interested in volunteering to participate in the surveys, please contact project officer Shirali Dave at project.officer@fevl.org.au

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HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

Become a bushfire recovery citizen scientist. Keep an eye out for this critter and tell someone about your sighting. Make sure you include date, location and a photo if you have one.

RECORD ANY SIGHTINGS

Citizen Science Apps

VBAgo, iNaturalist or Birdata

Email

report.gippslandwildlife@delwp.vic.gov.au

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