

Melton Environment Group

Yes, I would like to join or learn more about Melton Environment Group.

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Membership details (GST):

Single/Concession: \$10

Family \$20

Corporate: \$50

Yes, I would like to make a donation to MEG

\$5 \$10 \$20 Other \$

How did you hear about Melton Environment Group?

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Blog: <http://natureoutwest.wordpress.com/>;

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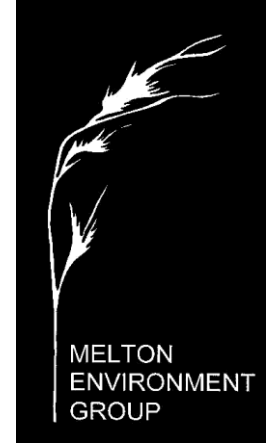


Join Melton Environment Group (MEG) to learn more about how to enjoy local birds in Melton. Melton has a long historic connection with bird watching & natural history. MEG conduct monthly bird walks in & around Melton. Melton has been in the forefront of interest in the natural environment for a very long time.

Melton is fortunate in having many areas of natural beauty, although these are often unnoticed or underrated. Their future survival depends upon our continued care and protection. Melton has many easily accessible areas with a wide diversity of birdlife.



Photos by Nora Peters



Melton Environment Group *Bird Watching in Melton* 2020



Over 160 species of birds have been observed in & around Melton. Bird watching has a long history in this region, since the 1880's!

3 local groups involved in bird watching (bus hours)

- Melton Environment Group
- Pinkerton Landcare & Environment Group
- Eynesbury Environment Group

MEG Bird Group

Melton Environment Group Bird Walks in 2020 will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, to avoid conflicting with other local walks. MEG walks (including bushland walks) are easy walking & child friendly, on defined paths, with no bushwalking skills required. MEG bird walks begin at 9.00. Details of birds seen are placed on eBird as a record of bird diversity in Melton MEG Bird Walks will be co-ordinated with those of Eynesbury Environment Group to avoid dates clashing.

Walks in bushland will be automatically cancelled on Total Fire Ban Days, in high dangerous winds or lightning activity.

Eynesbury Melton Gilgai (Harkness Road)
Strathulloh Long Forest Mallee

21st March Eynesbury

Eynesbury is a 200 hectare Grey Box Woodland with over 150 bird species observed so far, as well as a small ornamental lake rich in wetland birdlife. Toilet facilities, general store, restaurant & bar! On Fire Ban Days, walk will be around the lake only. Eynesbury Discovery Centre Melway 226 Ref H1

18th April Little Blind Creek

Little Blind Creek flows through Melton, meeting Toolern Creek at Hannah Watts Park. It is home for large numbers of birds. Meet in Guide Hall carpark in Pinkerton St (off Yuille St opposite Melton Golf Course). Melway Map 337 Ref C8

16th May Melton Botanic Garden

Melton Botanic Garden features plants that tolerate a dry climate and low water conditions. Corner of Tullidge Street and Williams Street. Melways Map 337 Ref: C10 and D10

20th June Hannah Watts

Hannah Watts Park is a popular park, beside Toolern Creek, in High St, just east of the shopping centre, opposite the golf course. Melway Page 337 Ref D9

18th July Toolern Creek (Big Red)

There is a footpath that runs along the creek. The creek forms a wildlife corridor through Melton, from Toolern Vale in the north to the Toolern Regional Park in the south, thence to the Werribee River. Mel way Ref 337 C9

15th August Strathulloh Woodland

Strathulloh Woodland is a remnant regenerating Grey Box Woodland overlooking Toolern Creek Meet in Strathulloh Circuit Melway 343 Ref A12

19th September Melton Gilgai Woodland

Melton Gilgai (Harkness Road Woodland) Remnant Grey Box/ Yellow Gum woodland Meet in Harkness Road Melway 330 Ref B11

17th October Eynesbury

Eynesbury Discovery Centre Melway 226 Ref H1

21st November Long Forest Mallee

Long Forest Mallee (LFM) is a unique Mallee remnant between Melton & Bacchus Marsh. Long Forest Road Melway 335 Ref E3

Pinkerton Landcare & Environment Group

Sunday 16th February 9.00 am

Pinkerton Landcare & Environment Group (PLEG) invite the community to join them birding at Pinkerton Forest & Mulla Mulla Woodland (Bush's Paddock) in the morning. Previously these walks were hosted by Birdlife Australia's Werribee Wagtails, but since the demise of the Werribee Wagtails they will now be hosted by PLEG.

Note: no footpaths- walking is through the bush!

The group will then proceed to Eynesbury Forest in the afternoon

BYO lunch, drinks & snacks. Toilets & coffee shop at Eynesbury (composting toilet at Pinkerton).

About 127 bird species have been recorded at Pinkerton & about 150 at Eynesbury to date. Wedge-tailed Eagles regularly nest in these woodlands. These quarterly surveys provide valuable data as to both bird diversity & numbers in these woodlands. Citizen science in action!

Pinkerton is private property located at <http://goo.gl/maps/drFnS>. As you drive up Mt Cottrell Road from Werribee there is a group of houses on the left. The gravel track to Pinkerton (behind a locked gate) is just before the first house (1668 Mt Cottrell Road). Mulla Mulla Grassland (formerly Bush's Paddock) is accessed by the same track. For more info: John McKenzie jackmack37@hotmail.com; or Daryl Akers

daryljpolyantheros@outlook.com; Meet at Mt Cottrell Road. Melway Map 221 Ref H8 Gates open 8.45 am, walk starts 9.00

Walks in 2020:

Sunday 17th February

Sunday 17th May

Sunday 16th August

Sunday 15th November

Eynesbury Environment Group

The Eynesbury Environment Group's nature walks are back for 2020! Join us for a guided walk through the Eynesbury Grey Box Forest and discover why it is one of the most important woodlands around Melbourne. Our first walk for the year will be a bird walk on the Sunday 23rd February.

Location: Meet outside of the Eynesbury Grocery Store. All ages and birdwatching abilities welcome
What to bring: Long pants, walking shoes, water, binoculars, (available to borrow), camera

Saturday 21 March 9am – 11.30am

Bird Walk led by Melton Environment Group,

Saturday 4th April

Night walk through Woodland (details TBC)

Sunday 24th May 9am – 11.30am

Bird Walk – Swift Parrot Survey,

Saturday 11th July

Walk with the Wadawurrung
(all details incl. cost* TBC)

Sunday 2nd August 9am – 11.30am

Bird Walk – Swift Parrot Survey,

Saturday 17th October 9am – 11.30am

Bird Walk led by Melton Environment Group,

Sunday 8th November 9am – 11.30am

Flora Walk, Meet outside of the Eynesbury General Store

More walks and events are added throughout the year. For further details, updates or to join the Group contact us at: eynesbury.environment.group@gmail.com; or follow Eynesbury Environment Group on Facebook