

Hooded Plovers

Hooded plovers are one of Phillip Island's most endangered birds. They make their nests along the high tide line or in the sand dunes during summer. Eggs and chicks are camouflaged to avoid predators, making them difficult to see and easily stepped on.

These birds need your help to survive:

- Please keep to paths at all times
- No dogs at any time unless otherwise signed
- Stay out of sand dunes and, where possible, walk close to the water's edge
- Keep clear of nest areas – hooded plovers will abandon their nest if you get too close, leaving chicks vulnerable to predators or starvation
- Become a Hooded Plover Watch volunteer



Short-tailed Shearwaters

Phillip Island is home to 5-8 percent of the world's population of these migrating birds. They breed in burrows around the coast in the summer months and fly to the northern hemisphere over the winter.

You can help:

- Shearwaters are often killed by wandering dogs so please keep your dog on a lead and stay out of colony areas.
- Confine your dog to your property.
- Join Shearwater Rescue with Phillip Island Nature Parks to help fledgling birds make their first migration.



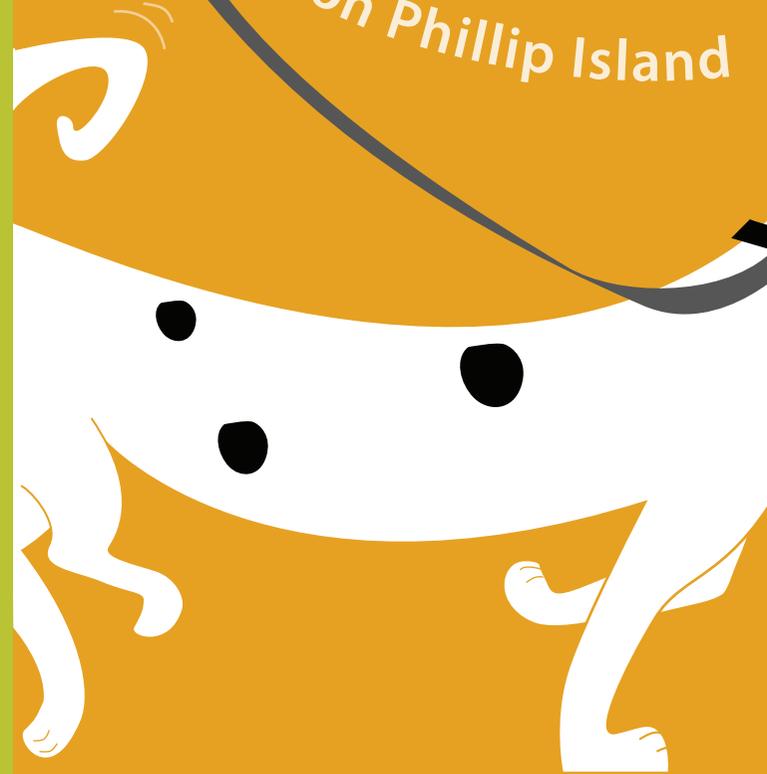
Protecting wildlife together

- **Always check beach access signage**
Poison baits are sometimes laid in areas to control foxes. Penalties apply for not following regulations.
- **Only use designated beach access points**
Informal tracks can be dangerous to yourself and wildlife and cause dune erosion.
- **Stay out of the sand dunes**
This is where Hooded Plovers and Shearwaters breed.
- **Keep your dog on a lead**
Beaches are shared areas.
- **Clean up after your dog**
By law all dog walkers are required to have a suitable container to clean up after their dog. Dog poo is a health issue.
- **Register your dog**
All dogs over three months of age need to be registered.
- **Never leave your dog in a car on hot days**
A dog will quickly overheat if left in a car on a hot day.
- **Confine your dog to your property when you are not with it.**
- **Report injured wildlife to Phillip Island Nature Parks on 5951 2800**

for further information contact;
Bass Coast Shire Council: **1300 BCOAST (226 278)**
Phillip Island Nature Parks: **5951 2800**



Where ...
can I walk my dog?
on Phillip Island



Don't risk a fine -
always read the beach access signs.



WALK YOUR DOG HERE;

■ Bass Coast Shire and ■ Phillip Island Nature Parks

Dogs permitted: **1 Dec.-30 April** ▶ 7am-10am and 5pm-8pm

1 May-30 Nov. ▶ anytime

Dogs must remain on a leash at all times

■ Designated off leash area (above seasonal time restrictions apply)

Hooded Plover habitat

No dogs anytime

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