

BIODIVERSITY RECOVERY ON MILLOWL

Bringing bush stone-curlews back to Phillip Island

We are working towards the reintroduction of this critically endangered species in Victoria after their **disappearance in the 1970s**.

This work is crucial to the broader recovery of this species in south-eastern Australia.

SCAN TO LISTEN

They have a sorrowful toned, high pitched call 'weer-lo'



They have prominent yellow eyes, long legs, and a pointed beak

FUN FACTS:

Bush stone-curlews belong to the shorebird family and are related to birds such as oyster catchers, stilts and hooded plovers



They are also called 'bush thick knees'

BUSH STONE-CURLEWS...



Average height **52-58cm**



Life span **30 years**



Weight **1000g**

Courtship rituals include **dancing** with outstretched wings, **stamping feet** and **calling** to each other



2 eggs per clutch are laid in an exposed ground scrape



Chicks are self sufficient from day one and stay **with parents for up to 9 months**



They hunt at night for mice, mosquitoes, spiders, frogs but also eat roots and tubers

They live in grassy or open woodland areas

During the day they roost amongst leaf litter and fallen timber

BUILD A BIRD-FRIENDLY GARDEN

Phillip Island
NATURE PARKS

IS YOUR BACKYARD BIRD FRIENDLY?

CHOOSE WOODLAND SPECIES

Plant pale flax lily, wallaby grass, and spiny mat-rush or native shrubs like hop goodenia, kangaroo apple, and wedge-leaf hop-bush. Visit Barb Martin Bushbank for island-native plants and advice.

CREATE HABITAT

A diverse habitat garden includes groundcovers, grasses, small and tall shrubs, and canopy trees. Add prickly Moses shrubs for small bird shelter.

PROVIDE FOOD

Insects are vital; create hiding spots for them to nurture your garden ecosystem and attract birds.

EMBRACE DISORDER

Nature thrives on complexity. Incorporate bumps, rocks, logs, and hollows for nesting. Leave fallen timber in your yard for wildlife.

MAKE A SPLASH

Incorporate a bird bath or pond to enhance biodiversity. Remember, keep it shallow for species like bandicoots that aren't strong swimmers.



KEEP CATS AND
DOGS INSIDE



POISONS AND
WILDLIFE
DON'T MIX



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NOCTURNAL
ANIMALS

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