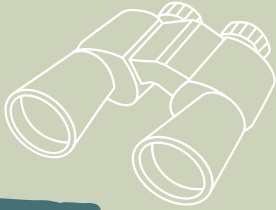


Explore and share



More about this place

- Search for 'Wetlands and their significance to Wadawurrung' on YouTube
- Search for 'Bukareeyoo' video on YouTube
- Visit barwonbluff.com.au
- Visit barwoncoast.com.au

Nearby places for bird watching

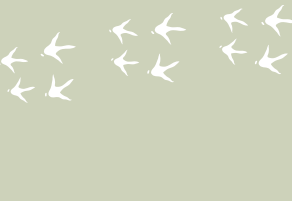
- Discover the Ramsar Estuary signs near the Barwon Heads boat ramp - near Pelican Court in Barwon Heads.
- Download local Birding Trails by Geelong Field Naturalists Club on your phone or computer.

Share your sightings

Add your bird sightings to global data about our wonderful wildlife! Your observations will help researchers and conservation efforts worldwide.

Download these apps for your phone:

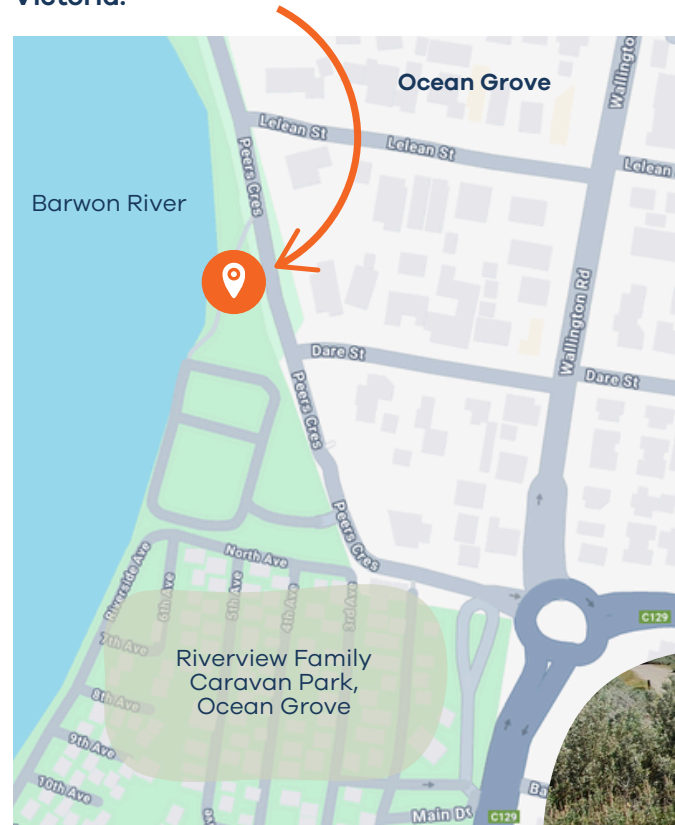
- birdata
- eBird
- iNaturalist



Kunuwarra artwork by Billy-Jay O'Toole, Wadawurrung Man



The Barwon River bird observation point is on the banks of the Barwon River in Ocean Grove, Victoria.



Find the seat and signs along the Barwon River Estuary Walk, near the junction of Peers Crescent and Dare Street.

This project was funded through the Victorian Government's Victorian Landcare Grant program.



Discover the

Barwon River bird observation point





Wadawurrung Country

Wadawurrung People know the Barwon River as **Barre Warre Yaluk** – the great **yaluk** (river) that runs from the **barre** (mountains) to the **Warre** (sea).

For tens of thousands of years, **Wadawurrung** People have cared for this waterway, gathering to connect and sustainably source food and other resources.

Linger and enjoy nature...

The Barwon River bird observation point overlooks the river, mudflats and mangroves, where majestic **Kunuwarra** (Black Swans) glide across the water, and wading birds fossick for food.

Visit in the evening and you might be lucky to see a golden sunset.



River of life

Downstream, at its mouth, the river flows into Bass Strait at Barwon Bluff, a limestone headland with the Marine Sanctuary nestled below.

This connection to the ocean keeps the river and wetlands healthy, flushing them daily through the cycle of rising and falling tides.

International travellers

From September to March, the wetlands are a vital habitat for migratory shorebirds.

This is the time to train your eyes to spot several species of visiting birds that are well camouflaged within the landscape.

These birds make a remarkable round trip of over 20,000km every year, breeding in the Arctic and returning to our shores to feed and rest.

Can you spot us?



The best time to see shorebirds is at low tide, when they forage on the mudflats for food. Also look up to sky Country and across the water to notice all the different species that rely on the Barwon River estuary.

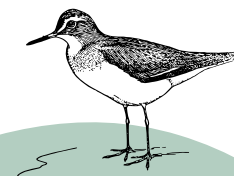
Websites/apps such as eBird and iNaturalist are handy to help with identification.

September to March

- ☐ Bar-tailed Godwit
- ☐ Common Greenshank
- ☐ Curlew Sandpiper
- ☐ Eastern Curlew
- ☐ Red-necked Stint
- ☐ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper

Year-round

- ☐ Australian Pelican
- ☐ Australian Pied Oystercatcher
- ☐ Caspian Tern
- ☐ Chestnut Teal
- ☐ Crested Tern
- ☐ Great Egret
- ☐ Hoary-headed Grebe
- ☐ **Kunuwarra** (Black Swan)
- ☐ Little Egret
- ☐ Little Pied Cormorant
- ☐ Little Raven
- ☐ Masked Lapwing
- ☐ Pied Cormorant
- ☐ Royal Spoonbill
- ☐ Silver Gull
- ☐ White-faced Heron
- ☐ Yellow-billed Spoonbill



Bring binoculars if you're planning a visit!