



Woodland Birds on Farms habitat protection project

The Central Tablelands Local Land Services supports land managers and community in working together to build resilient communities in productive healthy landscapes. This project is supported by Central Tablelands Local Land Services through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

About the project

Since European settlement around 80% of south-eastern Australia's temperate woodlands have been cleared. As a result of this and other threats, the future of at least 1 in 5 woodland birds is now at risk.

Allowing habitat to recover and regenerate through activities such as grazing management is essential to help reverse the decline of woodland birds.

The Woodland Birds on Farms project supports landowners in priority locations to help protect and improve the habitat that remains.

What assistance is available?

The Woodland Birds on Farms project will provide incentive funding and technical support for the following on-ground activities:

- **stock-proof fencing** to control stock access to existing native vegetation, stream and planting sites
- **alternative stock watering points** where stock access to water will be lost due to new fencing
- **revegetation** in-fill planting to improve the quality of existing habitat
- **stewardship payment** where stock are excluded from habitat for the project duration

A maximum amount per hectare of \$1,000 for woodland habitat and \$2,500 for waterway habitat will be available.

What is the process?

1. Expressions of Interest (EOI) will open on Thursday 1 August and close at 5pm on Monday 2 September 2019.
2. To apply, complete and submit an online EOI form; or complete a form in person at a Central Tablelands Local Land Services office.

3. Once you have submitted your EOI, an officer will contact you to discuss your project and organise a site visit.
4. During the site visit, the officer will assist in developing your potential project. The project will be assessed to calculate the environmental benefit.
5. The environmental benefit score from your assessment will be used to rank all projects received.
6. Funding offers can then be made to all eligible projects. Should you accept this offer an agreement will be created by LLS and signed by both parties.
7. Once signed you will be required to complete on-ground activities within an agreed time frame and continue to manage the site (as per project standards) for a 10 year period.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for funding you must meet the following criteria:

- the project site must be located within one of the 3 priority areas (see Figure 1)
- any previous agreements with LLS or Catchment Management Authority must be completed
- outstanding LLS rates need to be paid
- you must have \$20 million public liability insurance
- the project area must be greater than 2 Ha
- all on ground works must be completed within the agreed time frame.

Photo: Critically endangered swift parrot (credit: Mick Roderick)



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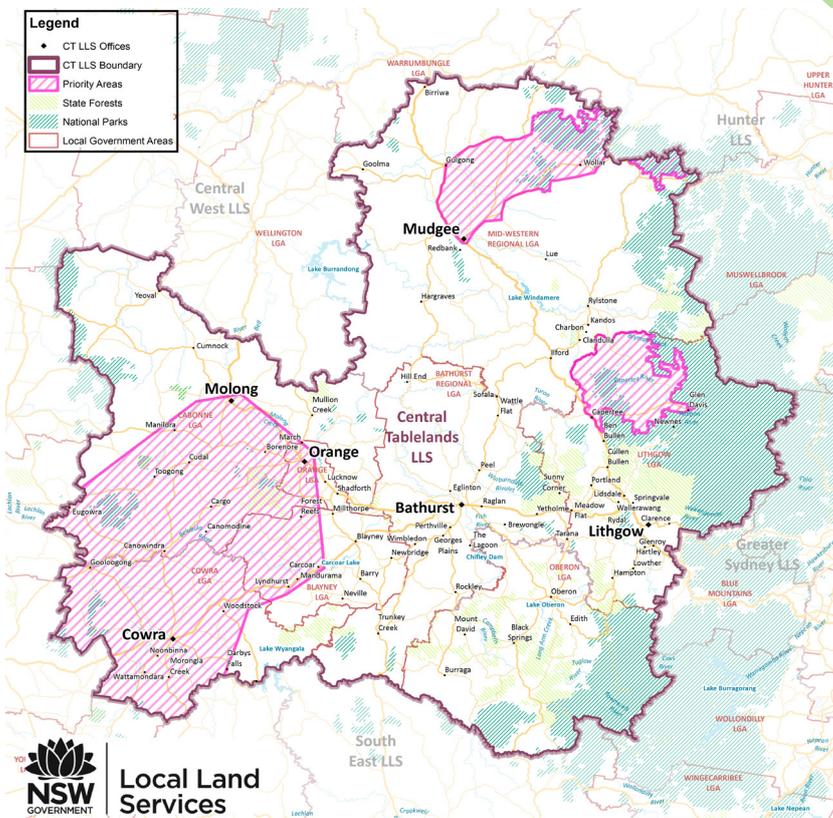


Figure 1: Priority Areas Map

Project Standards

All projects must meet standards that relate to:

- **stock-proof fencing** – constructed with new materials and maintained throughout the project (10 years). Conventional 6 line or electric 3 line fencing minimum, preferably without barbed wire for native wildlife movement. Boundary or exclusion fencing will not be funded
- **exotic plant and pest animal control** – pest animals and exotic plants must be controlled within the site for the duration of the agreement
- **grazing management** – strategic grazing within the project area may be allowed subject to discussion with LLS staff. However, you must not graze within planting areas for at least four years
- **stream project width** – average 20 metres (from the top of the bank) over the length of the site – with a minimum width of 10m
- **existing habitat** - features such as bush rock, dead standing and fallen timber must be retained
- **planting and site preparation** - a plan will be developed with an LLS officer covering site preparation, species selection, planting and future maintenance
- **site access** - the site must be available for LLS to undertake monitoring.

A comprehensive list of the project standards is available on our website and will be discussed with you during the site visit.

Please note funding for this project is limited with priority given towards those activities that provide the maximum benefit for the recovery of Regent Honeyeater and woodland birds.

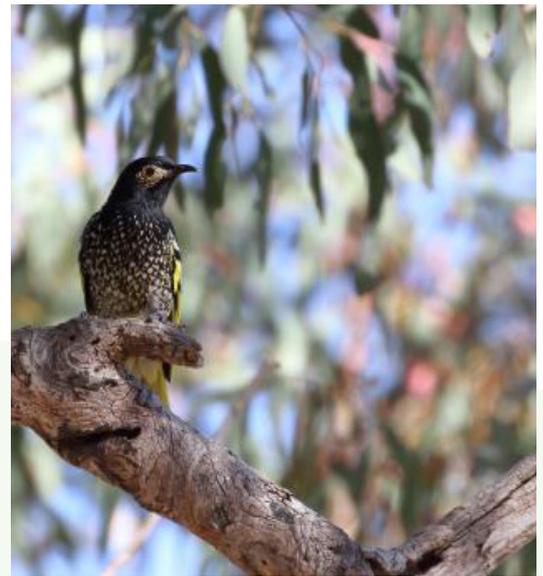


Photo: Critically endangered regent honeyeater (credit: Matt Baker)

More information

If you are interested in this project, and would like to discuss what support you may be able to access, please contact:

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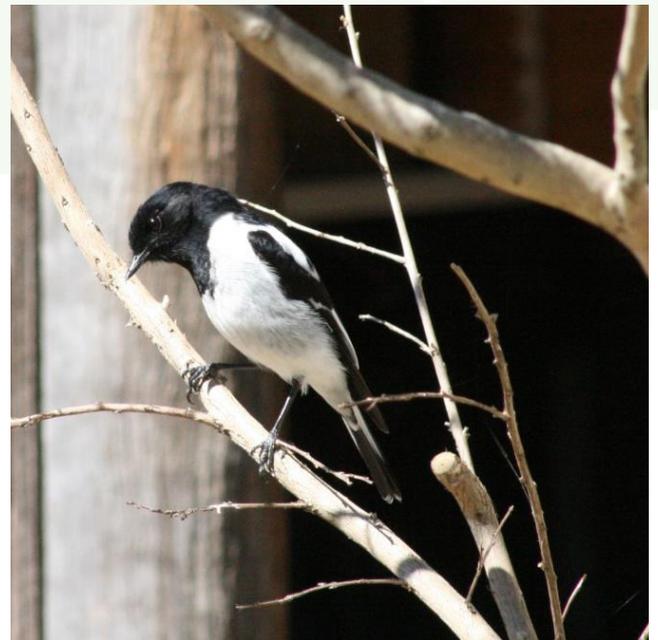


Photo: The hooded robin is a declining woodland bird (credit: Huw Evans)