



Birdlife Australia - <http://www.birdlife.org.au/>

Birdlife Australia is the Australian partner of Birdlife International. It came into existence on 1 January 2012 when Birds Australia and Birds Observation & Conservation Australia merged together. It is a national organisation actively involved in conserving the natural habitat of Australian birds and in creating a bright future for them. They have branches all over Australia that run various projects and events which provide a platform for local communities to participate and also to share knowledge and experience.

Currently, the organisation is running 30 projects nationwide managed by highly dedicated and passionate individuals. One of the most important projects is **Atlas & Birddata** that tracks changes in the birds across the country. It also allows passionate individuals to be a part of the project by submitting their own surveys. **Beach-nesting Birds** is another project that aims at protecting birds that nest and lay their eggs on the beach. Under **The Bittern Project** which started in 2007, the Australasian Bittern was successfully enlisted under the EPBC list as endangered. Some of the other projects are Cowra Woodlands Birds program, EAGA Biodiversity Monitoring, Gippsland Lakes Program, Operation Rainbow Roost, Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo Recovery and Powerful Owl Project. Their projects range from local ground work to national surveys which require the time and commitment of thousands of volunteers.

Birdlife Australia has adopted a five-year strategic plan 2017-2022 for improving conservation efforts and to protect endangered birds and nature. To maximise the output of their efforts they have adopted a series of strategic priorities and principles that aim at prioritizing actions, implementing them and evaluating the results. They value science and research and always encourage engagement through communication and campaigns.

Birdlife Australia relies upon its vast network of volunteers and supporters to contribute their observations, records and share their biodiversity knowledge to help native birds. One can choose to volunteer their time in the field, at the facility or in the office. Also, those interested in getting involved can either participate in projects like Citizen Science, Congress & Campout or The Conservation Forum or engage in local events and activities. You can also support them by donating, leaving a bequest, becoming a member or signing up as a wildlife protector. To find out what's happening in your area or to look into different options of supporting Birdlife Australia, visit their website or their Facebook page.
