



The **Blackburn Bushland Corridor** aims to achieve a balanced and healthy ecosystem, maintaining habitat and food chains to sustain native biodiversity.



COMMUNITY GROUPS AND RESOURCES

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Bungalook Nursery

Whitehorse Community Indigenous Plant Project Inc

63/107 Fulton Road, Blackburn South

wcipp.org.au (check opening hours)

Greenlink Nursery for indigenous plants

41 Wimmera St Box Hill North (check opening hours)

sites.google.com/site/greenlinkboxhill

Blackburn & District Tree Preservation Society

Booklet 'Plant Indigenous' available online

bdtps.wordpress.com

Environment Protection Authority (24/7)

To report pollution 1300 372 842

epa.vic.gov.au

City of Whitehorse (24/7)

For general information, indigenous plant lists

and reporting re Local Laws - 9262 6333

whitehorse.vic.gov.au



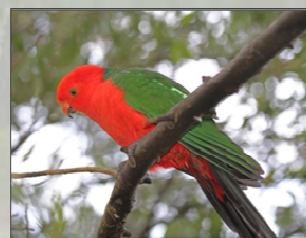
For help with injured wildlife (24/7)

Wildlife Victoria 1300 094535

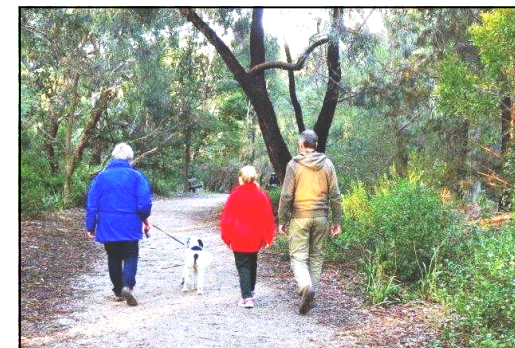
Help for Wildlife 0417 380 687

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BLACKBURN BUSHLAND CORRIDOR



Blackburn Lake Sanctuary and the Blackburn Creeklands form the core of an east-west bushland corridor along Gardiners Creek. Adjacent private residential property and several smaller parks create a critical buffer zone around the large parks, to extend and augment the corridor.

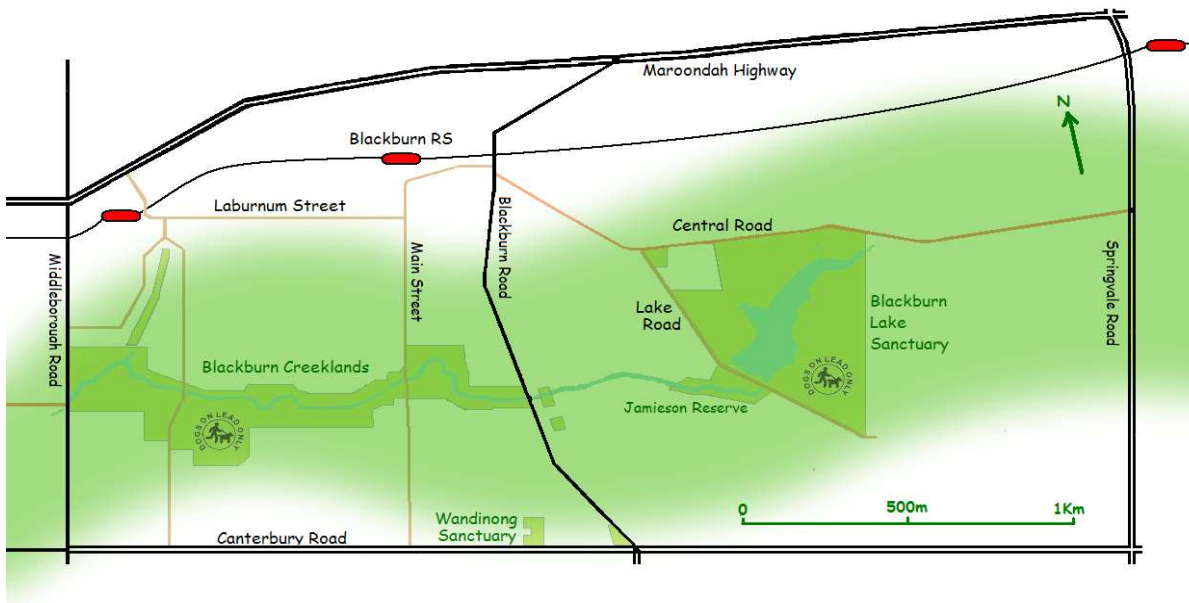
This bushland corridor is at the heart of Blackburn and is highly valued for its environmental and recreational qualities. There is strong community interest and participation in management of the parks which benefit from active Advisory Committees, Friends Groups and regular community working bees.

How can you and your garden contribute to the bushland corridor?

- Come to a working bee. Help with planting or pull some weeds and meet your neighbours. See noticeboards and websites for details.



- Plant indigenous species in your garden to provide food and habitat for birds and other animals. Include some canopy trees.
- Provide a birdbath and keep it topped up, especially in hot weather.
- It's fine to grow exotics but avoid invasive plant species eg agapanthus, ivy, privet, cotoneaster.
- If possible, allow dead trees to remain to provide a source of food and hollows for wildlife.
- Keep dogs on leads and cats entirely out of the parks. Birds are vulnerable to disturbance, especially around wetland areas and when nesting.
- Carry a plastic bag and clean up after your dog.
- Join the Friends Group or Advisory Committee of your local park.



What to See and Do

The bushland parks support remnants of original bush and have been intensively planted with indigenous species over many decades to provide habitat for a wide variety of birds, bats, possums, butterflies, frogs and other indigenous fauna. The lake and creek are home to many water birds, some resident and others passing through, and aquatic life down under.

A network of paths and tracks provides plentiful opportunities for interesting observation of nature and a means of enjoying both exercise and relaxation. Several playgrounds offer activity and fun for children.

Noticeboards within the parks keep everyone up to date with what's on and provide interpretive information.

The Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Visitor Centre runs rich education and activity programs for both adults and children.

