

YABBY TRAPS THREATEN OUR PLATYPUS

Sightings of Opera House Traps in ACT rivers and streams should be reported as they are a direct threat to our platypus and other air-breathing animals such as water rats. A number platypus have been found dead in recent years in such traps in the Murrumbidgee river. Other reports of dead platypus found entangled in discarded fishing equipment occur all too often.



Photo: Australian Platypus Conservancy

YABBY TRAPS ARE ILLEGAL IN ALL PUBLIC WATERWAYS IN THE ACT REGION

THE FOLLOWING ARE ALL LIKELY SIGNS OF AN ILLEGAL TRAP:

- A rope or string tied close to the bank and going into the waterway
- A plastic bottle bobbing in a fixed position in the stream
- A lonely fishing float or a small plastic ball not moving with the current

IF YOU FIND A TRAP IN ANY OF OUR LAKES AND RIVERS (ACT & UPPER MURRUMBIDGEE REGION)

REMOVE IT IF SAFE TO DO SO OR REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY

CALL CRIMESTOPPERS: 1800 333 000 OR CANBERRA CONNECT: 13 22 81

- If you see any other discarded fishing equipment - please remove it to prevent further harm to wildlife
- Details of platypus sightings can be reported on-line to the Australian Platypus Conservancy website www.platypus.asn.au
- Contact Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch for more details: waterwatch@act.gov.au or 6207 2246