



PLATYPUS MONTH 2023

Volunteers needed for Platypus surveys in the ACT region

Platypus Month is celebrating its 10th year! Waterwatch will be running group surveys throughout August on selected rivers in the ACT region to help learn more about our platypus population. Late winter is the ideal time for spotting platypus as they spend more time feeding and the males are more active as they prepare for the breeding season.

Waterwatch will be conducting **34 surveys** throughout August and need your help!

No experience necessary.

Please see next page for survey times and dates.

JOIN WATERWATCH FOR A FREE PLATYPUS WALK: Two walks will be held at dawn on the Queanbeyan River on the Sunday 6 and 27 August 2023. Bookings essential.

REPORT PLATYPUS SIGHTINGS: Head down to your local waterway and let Waterwatch know if you spot a platypus. All sightings are welcomed but there is a list of places of interest on the Waterwatch website if volunteers would like to investigate them.

The [Platy and Ratty portal](#) is available on our website to enter your sightings.

Details at: www.act.waterwatch.org.au/programs/platypus-month

RSVP FOR THE SURVEYS ARE REQUIRED.

CONTACT: Kerri at: waterwatch@act.gov.au

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING SURVEYS WILL BE SENT OUT TO SIGNED UP VOLUNTEERS.

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JERRABOMBERRA CREEK

(JERRABOMBERRA NATURE RESERVE)

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST: 4:00-5:30PM

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST: 6:15-7:45AM

TUESDAY 22 AUGUST: 4:15-5:45PM

WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST: 6:15-7:45AM

COOMA CREEK

WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST: 6:30-8:00AM

WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST: 4:00-5:30PM

WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST: 6:15-7:45AM

WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST: 4:15-5:45PM

QUEANBEYAN RIVER, QUEANBEYAN

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST: 4:00-5:30PM

FRIDAY 11 AUGUST: 6:30-8:00AM

FRIDAY 18 AUGUST: 6:15-7:45AM

FRIDAY 25 AUGUST: 4:15-5:45PM

SCOTTSDALE BUSH HERITAGE RESERVE (MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER)

28-31 AUGUST - 7:30AM & 4:00PM EACH DAY

(NOTE: VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SCOTTSDALE SURVEYS MUST BE BUSH HERITAGE MEMBERS AND BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL 6 SURVEYS)

POINT HUT CROSSING

(MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER - TUGGERANONG)

WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST: 6:30-8:00AM

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST: 4:00-5:30PM

TUESDAY 15 AUGUST: 6:15-7:45AM

WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST: 4:15-5:45PM

COPPINS CROSSING, MOLONGLO RIVER

TUESDAY 1 AUGUST: 4:00-5:30PM

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST: 6:30-8:00AM

WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST: 4:15-5:45PM

THURSDAY 24 AUGUST: 6:15-7:45AM

MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER - NEAR COOMA

SATURDAY 5 AUGUST: 4:00-5:30PM

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST: 6:30-8:00AM

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST: 4:15-5:45PM

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST: 6:15-7:45AM

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