



# Mount Elgin Swamp Reserve

## At a glance

**Country:** Wotjobaluk people

**Catchment:** Wimmera

**IBRA Region:** Murry Darling Depression

**Victorian Bioregion:** Wimmera

**Size:** 297 hectares

+30 plant species

+160 animal species

**Management priorities:** pest animal control, management of exotic grass, artificial nesting hollows for birds and arboreal fauna species, protection and increase of Lignum, small strategic revegetation and restoration activity.

## About the property

The Mount Elgin Swamp Reserve was acquired by Trust for Nature in 1998 with a local Committee of Management established shortly afterwards to assist with the on-going management of the site.

The reserve protects extensive areas of threatened vegetation communities, along with being home to a vast array of flora and fauna species. This includes the threatened Growling Grass Frog (*Litoria raniformis*) and the Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*).

This Reserve is steeped in both Indigenous and European history. The swamp, being replenished by a permanent spring was vital, especially in the drier years, providing a seasonal food source, such as waterfowl and their eggs and freshwater mussels and fresh water. Evidence of Indigenous occupation on site can be found in stone scatters, burial sites and over 65 scar trees. In the early days of European settlement, Thomas Grant, who hailed from Elgin, Scotland, established the 122,560 acre run in April 1844. On this pastoral run, flocks of thousands of sheep were ran.







## Mount Elgin Swamp Reserve is habitat forever

**Key habitats:** Red Gum Swamp, Lignum Swampy Woodland, Plains Grassy Woodland and Low Rises Woodland

**Notable flora species:** River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*), Tangled Lignum (*Muehlenbeckia florulenta*), Nardoo (*Marsilea drummondii*), Southern Cane Grass (*Eragrostis infecunda*) and Swainson's Pea (*Swainsona sericea*)

**Notable fauna species:** Wedge-tailed Eagle (*Aquila audax*), Brown Treecreeper (*Climacterus picumnus*), Freckled Duck (*Stictonetta naevosa*), Tree Goanna (*Varanus varius*) and Growling Grass Frog (*Litoria raniformi*)



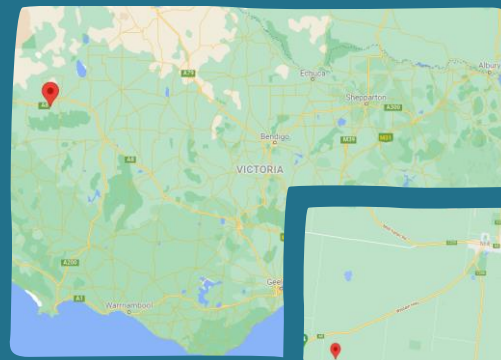
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**Traditional Owner:** Trust for Nature acknowledges and respects the Traditional Owners of this land, the Wotjobaluk people.



### Location

Mount Elgin Swamp Reserve

Travel west for 13 kilometres along the Western highway from Nhill, then turn left down Dufty's Road

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