



# Crawley Sanctuary Reserve

## At a glance

**Country:** Gunditj Mirring

**Catchment:** Glenelg Hopkins CMA

**IBRA Region:** Victorian Midlands

**Victorian Bioregion:** Dundas Tablelands

**Size:** 63 hectares

**100+ plant species**

**50+ animal species**

**2 habitat types**

**Management priorities** include the removal of pine trees and grassy weeds. Ongoing monitoring is occurring for South African Weed Orchid (*Disa bracteata*) which has been found adjacent to reserve.

## About the property

This property was donated to the Trust for Nature in 1990 by the Crawley Family to ensure that the land was protected in perpetuity. Bordering upon other bushland, this site not only conserves significant habitat, it also forms an important link to other remnant vegetation.

Listed as vulnerable, the Damp Sands Herb-rich Woodland ecosystem type makes up the majority of reserve. Typically an open, grassy or bracken dominated eucalypt forest, this habitat type is rich in herbs, grasses, and native orchids. The depleted Heathy Herb-rich Woodland ecosystem type is also present and is very similar, although occurs on different soil types and has a different vegetation profile.

The reserve is home to the vulnerable Tussock Skink (*Pseudemoia pagenstecheri*), a small ground dwelling lizard that can be seen basking in the sun or hunting in the leaf litter or grass. The skinks are carnivorous and feed upon insects and other small arthropods. They are olive or grey-brown in colour and grow up to 62mm in length.





## Crawley Sanctuary Reserve is habitat forever

**Key habitats:** Heathy Herb-rich Woodland and Damp Sands Herb-rich Woodland.

**Notable flora species:** Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis* ssp. *cygnetensis*), Trim Greenhood (*Pterostylis concinna*), Nodding Greenhood (*Pterostylis nutans*), Prickly Moses (*Acacia verticillata*) and Silver Banksia (*Banksia marginata*)

**Notable fauna species:** Tussock Skink (*Pseudemoia pagenstecheri*), Blue-winged Parrot (*Neophema chrysostoma*), White-throated Treecreeper (*Cormobates leucophaeus*), Forest Raven (*Corvus tasmanicus*) and Red-browed Finch (*Neochmia temporalis*)



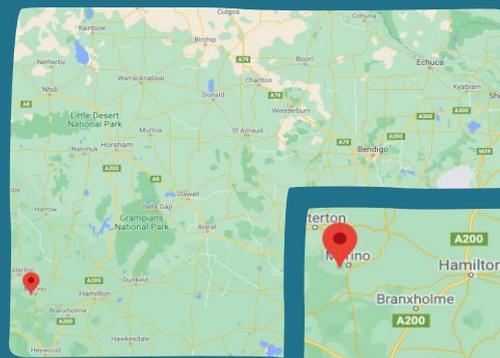
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**Traditional Owner:** Trust for Nature acknowledges and respects the Traditional Owners of this land, the Gunditj Mirring.



### Location

Crawley Sanctuary Reserve

Corner of Bond Road and Scarborough Lane, Merino

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