



# Stratford Woodland Reserve

## At a glance

**Country:** Gunaikurnai

**Catchment:** East Gippsland

**IBRA Region:** South East Coastal Plain

**Victorian Bioregion:** Gippsland Plain

**Size:** 10 hectares

90+ plant species

50+ animal species

2 habitat types

**Management priorities** have included ecological burning, planting of understorey species, weed management and annual monitoring of populations of the Purple Diuris orchid.

## About the property

The Stratford Woodland Reserve was purchased by the Trust for Nature using funds generously donated from the Australian Plant Society and naturalist, Flora McDonald. The site was acquired to protect a high quality area of Gippsland Plains Grassy Woodland community and its population of the Purple Diuris orchid (*Diuris punctata* var. *punctata*). Annual monitoring is carried out to ensure the population continues to prosper.

Gippsland Plains Grassy Woodland is an endangered ecological vegetation community. Less than 5% of this community remains on the Gippsland Plains, with 89% occurring on private land.

The reserve has been involved in a genetic rescue program. The Nationally Endangered Button Wrinklewort Daisy has been transplanted on site as a part of this research project. This project involves determining the best combination of genetics for breeding required for the long term survival of this species.





## Stratford Woodland Reserve is habitat forever

**Key habitats:** Gippsland Plains Grassy Woodlands and Plains Grassy Woodlands / Gilgai Wetland Mosaic.

**Notable flora species:** Purple Diuris (*Diuris punctata* var. *punctata*), Gippsland Red Gum (*Eucalyptus tereticornis* spp *mediana*), Drooping Sheoak (*Allocasuarina verticillata*) and Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*)

**Notable fauna species:** Australian Swamp Rat (*Rattus lutreolus*), Peron's Tree Frog (*Litoria peronii*), Sugar Glider (*Petaurus breviceps*), Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura fuliginosa*) and Copperhead Snake (*Austrelaps* spp)



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



### Location

Stratford Woodland Reserve

Lot 2, Briagolong Rd, Stratford

Open by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**, contact Regional Reserve Manager on 0409 530 462 or [brettm@tfn.org.au](mailto:brettm@tfn.org.au).

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