

# Pallisters Reserve

## At a glance

**Country:** Gunditj Mirring

**Catchment:** Glenelg Hopkins

**IBRA Region:** South East Coastal Plain

**Victorian Bioregion:** Warrnambool Plain

**Size:** 254 hectares

**260 + plant species**

**140 + animal species**

**4 habitat types**

**Management priorities** include the monitoring of invasive predator such as the Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), thinning of coastal wattle (*Acacia sophorae*) and rehabilitation of habitat in previously cleared areas.

## About the property

Trust for Nature purchased the first section of Pallister's Reserve from Bill Pallister in 1989 with a donation from the R.E. Ross Truss. A second adjoining section was purchased in 1993 from the Hocking Family. The property is managed by the Friends of Pallisters Reserve Inc.

The reserve is home to more than 125 species of bird. Perhaps most notably, its residents include breeding pairs of brolgas (*Grus rubicunda*). These birds pair for life and will nest the same area for up to 20 years. Their eggs are often preyed upon by feral animals such as foxes. The nests are sensitive to water level fluctuations so they are regularly monitored to help ensure that the birds can successfully nest. Trust for Nature is working to control invasive predators to protect nesting Brolgas.

In addition to this, over 15,000 understorey plants have been planted to provide habitat for other significant species in the reserve such as the Southern Brown Bandicoot (*Isoodon obesulus*) as well as woodland and wetland birds.

Several walking trail traverse the site with excellent viewing areas.





## Pallisters Reserve is habitat forever

**Key habitats:** Heathy Open-forest, Damp Sands Herb-rich Woodland, Damp Sands Herb-rich Woodland/Plains Swampy Woodland/Aquatic Herbland Mosaic, Aquatic Herbland/Plains Sedgy Wetland Mosaic.

**Notable flora species:** Western Peppermint (*Eucalyptus falciformis*), greenhood orchids (*Pterostylis spp.*), Donkey orchids (*Diruris spp.*), Blue Pincushion Flower (*Brunonia australis*), Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis* ssp. *cyanotensis*) and Grass trees (*Xanthorrhoea sp.*)

**Notable fauna species:** Brolga (*Grus rubicunda*), Lathams Snipe (*Gallinago hardwickii*), Powerful Owl (*Ninox strenua*), Australasian Bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*) and Musk Duck (*Biziura lobata*)



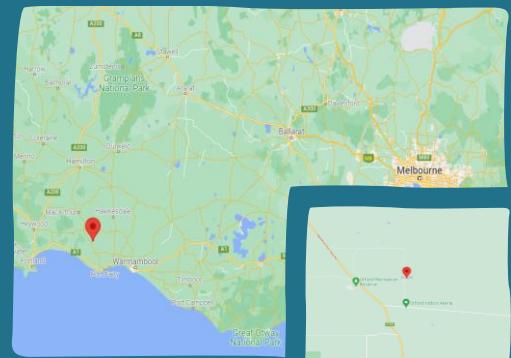
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**Traditional Owner:** Trust for Nature acknowledges and respects the Traditional Owners of this land, the Gunditj Mirring.



## Location

Pallisters Reserve

Masons Road, Orford

Open for members once a month

Check website for seasonal closure information



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