



Long Swamp: Murray Family Conservation Reserve

At a glance

Country: Dja Dja Wurrung

Catchment: North Central

IBRA Region: Victorian Midlands

Victorian Bioregion: Victorian Volcanic Plains

Size: 178 hectares

150+ plant species

140+ animal species

2 habitat types

Management priorities include strategic weed control activities and pest animal management.

About the property

The Long Swamp: Murray Family Conservation Reserve was purchased in 1992 (40ha) and the remainder 138ha purchased in 2016, both with thanks to the generous donations and support of the local community. The reserve is located along Cotswold Road, approximately 30km west of Castlemaine.

Long Swamp is at the heart of the Moolort wetland complex (50 wetlands covering 1000ha) and is one of only two large natural wetlands in the northern part of the Ballarat region.

The reserve protects a large area of cane-grass wetland vegetation which is a highly restricted habitat type which is essential for a number of flora and fauna species.

Several threatened fauna and flora species have been recorded on the property. This further emphasises the importance of this reserve locally and also nationally.



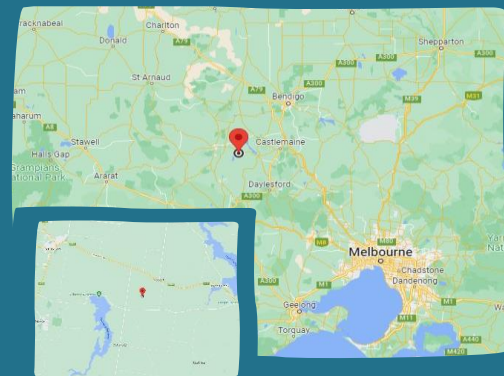


Long Swamp is habitat forever

Key habitats: Plains Grassy Woodland and Wetland Formation

Notable flora species: Slender Bindweed (*Convolvulus angustissimus*), Southern Cane-grass (*Eragrostis infecunda*), Tree Violet (*Melicytus dentatus*), River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) and Tangled Lignum (*Duma florulenta*)

Notable fauna species: Brolga (*Grus rubicunda*), Growling Grass Frog (*Litoria raniformis*), Australasian Bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*), Painted Snipe (*Rostratula australis*) and Fat-tailed Dunnart (*Sminthopsis crassicaudata*)



Location

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Cotswold Road, Moolort

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