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The Project:

Woodland Bird Monitoring

The project will see landholders trained by Birdlife Australia in woodland bird monitoring techniques and bird identification. Following this training, community members and farmers will be invited to partake in woodland bird monitoring events several times a year over the next four years.

Data collected will:

- be reported back through local Landcare Groups and Networks to inform the community of findings and the importance of woodlands.
- be used to monitor the health of woodlands and woodland bird populations.
- be used to monitor and measure the effectiveness of land restoration efforts, such as Landcare and CMA programs.

Delivery Areas and Format

Three focus areas for woodland bird monitoring will be established.

- The Budj Bim landscape with the Winda mara Rangers
- Southern Grampians through the Pannyabyr Landcare Group
- Northern Grampians in partnership with the Upper Hopkins Landcare Network, Ararat Landcare Group and the newly formed Grampians Bird Observers Group.

Woodlands and Woodland Birds

Over the last 200 years, more than 3/4 of Australia's temperate woodlands have been cleared.

As a result some woodland bird species have been lost to certain areas. Over a quarter of remaining species are listed as threatened, or are in serious decline. Luckily in some places of South Eastern Australia there is still a rich and spectacular range of Woodland bird species.

Many of these species depend on the private land, managed by farmers, for their ongoing survival. Bird species are very useful indicators of woodland health. Once woodlands

Why Monitor Birds

Another way to help woodland birds in the Glenelg Hopkins catchment area is to monitor birds on your property. This information can help determine the population status of woodland birds (especially for endangered or threatened species) and help measure the benefits of environmental work or tree planting/regeneration for woodland birds.

Information obtained from these '2-ha Search' bird surveys can be submitted to the Atlas of Australian birds database electronically or through filling out a survey form.

start to decline or are removed, bird populations will soon suffer. Conversely once woodland habitat is improved, bird species will soon colonise new or improved areas. An informed and involved community, involved in monitoring woodland bird species will create a wider awareness of the health of these species; and the woodlands on which they depend. This awareness will hopefully see a continued interest in preserving and increasing the areas of vital woodland habitats in productive farming landscapes.

How Do I Get Involved:

Contact Dave Nichols at Glenelg Hopkins CMA on 5571 2526 or d.nichols@ghcma.vicgov.au



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Field Day Training will be led by Birdlife Australia in June and July. There will be one day training in the Ararat area and one in the Dunkeld area.

