

Boorowa, home of the Superb Parrot

The spectacular and threatened Superb Parrot (*Polytelis swainsonii*) is a seasonal migrant that moves between its breeding and non-breeding ranges.

They start arriving in Boorowa from September in spring, to breed in the grassy box woodlands in and around Boorowa.

By mid to late January, the majority of the Superb Parrots leave the Boorowa region breeding habitat and migrate north to the Central and North Western slopes and plains of New South Wales. There they spend the next seven to eight months in their non-breeding habitats of the upper Namoi and Gwydir Rivers and other north western NSW landscapes.

Only a very small number of Superb Parrots remain in the Boorowa region over winter.

Conservation Status - **Vulnerable**

Habitat loss has led to the decline in Superb Parrot numbers. Current estimates suggest that there are fewer than 10,000 birds remaining in the wild.

In particular, the loss of living and dead hollow-bearing trees that are crucial for breeding being the major threat. Other threats include the loss of hollows to feral bees and native and exotic hollow-nesting birds and loss of foraging habitat. Roadkill at spill sites is another threat.



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How we can save the Superb Parrot!

Rural landholders – Can make the biggest impact to saving the Superb Parrot, by retaining both living and dead large hollow-bearing eucalypt trees, restoring woodland habitat, planting an understorey of foraging shrubs such as Wattles and native grasses. Funding is available for habitat restoration through many sources, for further information contact Local Land Services, Boorowa Community Landcare Group or google search habitat grants.

Residential homes – There's nothing more exciting than having Superb Parrots visit your garden. Plant one or two forage shrubs. Superb Parrots love eating Wattle seed.

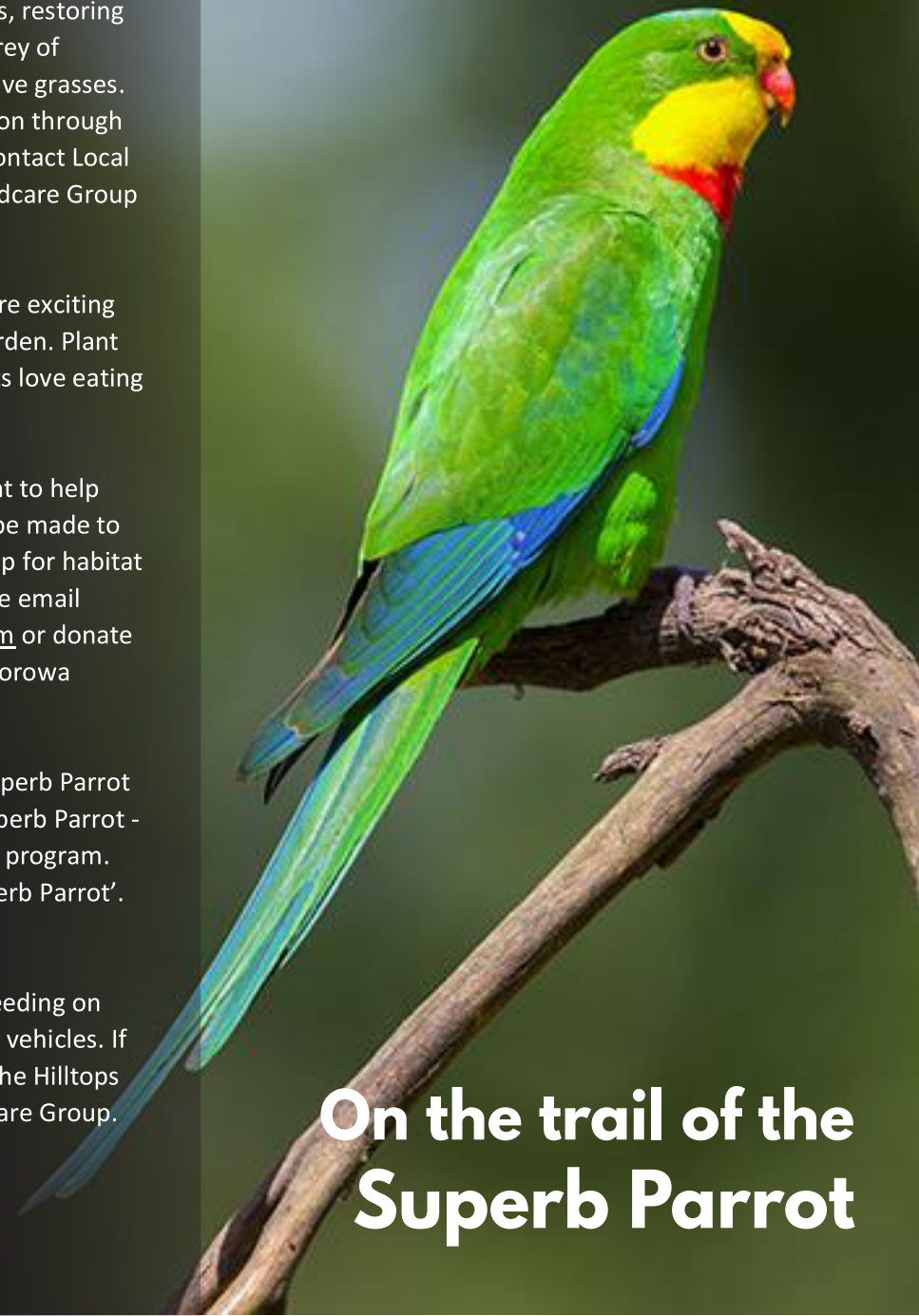
Visitors – Only visiting Boorowa but want to help save the Superb Parrot? Donations can be made to the Boorowa Community Landcare Group for habitat restoration. For details on how to donate email boorowacommunitylandcare@gmail.com or donate via the Landcare NSW website to the Boorowa Community Landcare Group.

Another way to help is to report your Superb Parrot sightings via the Keeping up with the Superb Parrot - NSW DPE Saving our Species monitoring program. Google search 'Keeping up with the Superb Parrot'.

Have you seen a grain spill?

Every breeding season Superb Parrots feeding on grain spills are being struck and killed by vehicles. If you see a grain spill, please report it to the Hilltops Council and Boorowa Community Landcare Group.

Superb Parrot (*Polytelis swainsonii*) Male
Credit: Helen Fallow/DPE



On the trail of the Superb Parrot

Superb Locations

1 – Long/Dillion Street, Boorowa

34°26'45.1"S 148°43'47.7"E

Site type: Private Land view from roadside only

Getting there: Turn east at main street roundabout, 1.4km turn right onto Long street.

Parking – Roadside just past tip rd.

2 – Coffeys Bridge TSR

34°23'28.6"S 148°45'49.9"E

Site type: Travelling Stock Reserve

Getting there: Take Rugby Rd to Crookwell. 4.9km form bridge over Boorowa River turn left.

Parking – Ample off roadside

3 – Stocke route 63 (Rugby Rd to Kenyu Rd)

34°22'37.0"S 148°44'41.8"E

Site type: Stock route

Getting there: Continue up Stock route 63 from Coffeys Bridge TSR.

Parking – Ample off roadside

4 – Stoke route 63 (Kenyu Rd/Lachlan Valley Way)

34°21'41.7"S 148°42'28.6"E

Site type: Stock route

Getting there: From Stock route 64 (Site 2) turn right onto Kenyu Rd and then turn left 400m to continue on Stock route 63.

Parking – Ample off roadside

5 – Red Hut TSR

34°29'09.7"S 148°35'24.1"E

Site type: Travelling Stock Reserve

Getting there: Take Cunningar Rd to Harden. The site is a further 15km, opposite the Cusack Rd turn.

Parking – Ample off road in front of TSR gate

The best time to see Super Parrots is early morning to 10am or late afternoon.

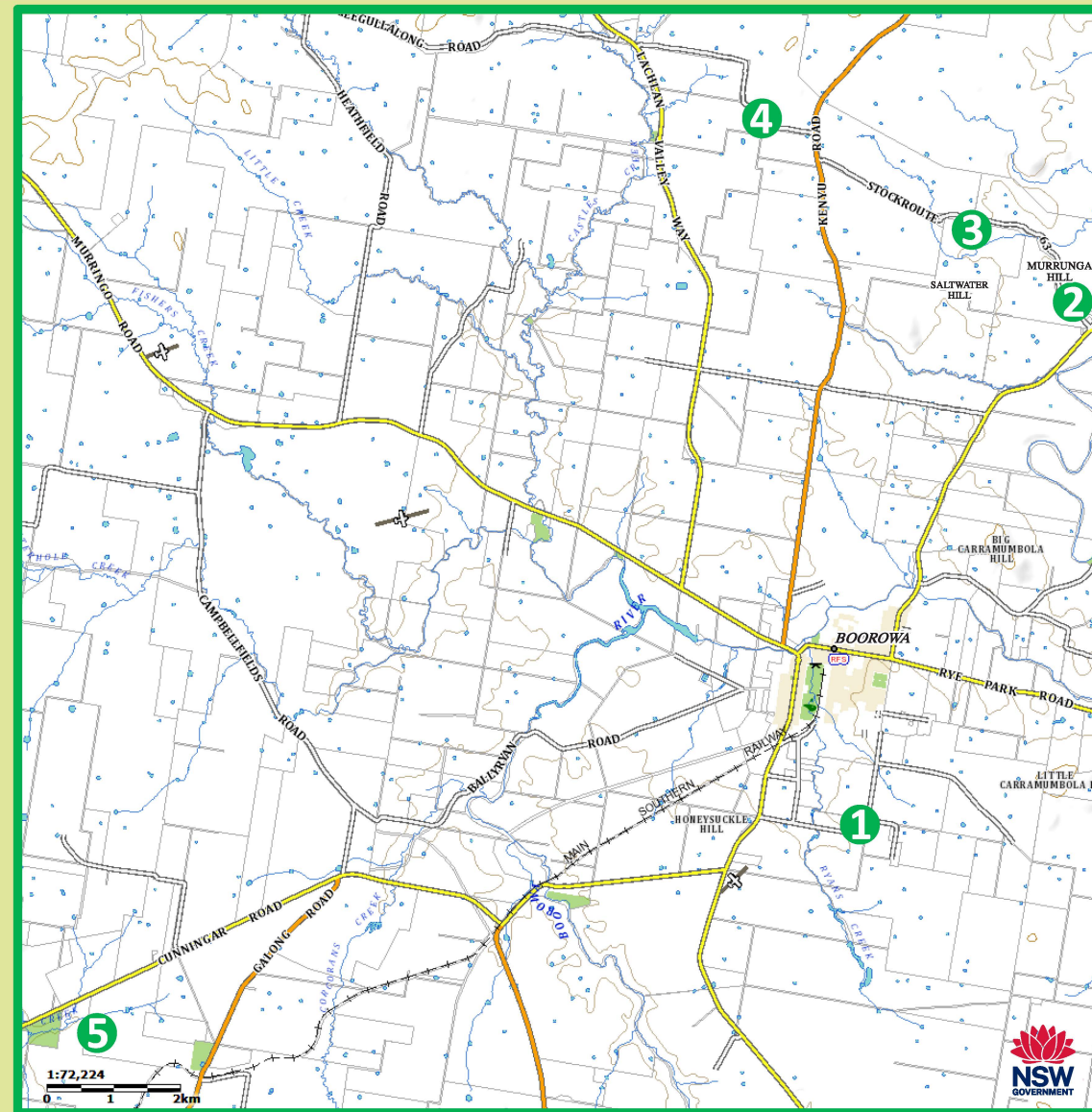
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Superb Parrot Female
(Polytelis swainsonii)



Superb Parrot Young
(Polytelis swainsonii)



All site locations are accessible by public roads with road traffic and safety is to be considered for each specific location. Some roads to the site locations are gravel and are subject to damage. From time to time these roads may only be 4wd accessible. Some of the sites are on public roadside verges, please consider your personal safety in these locations. The printing of this publication was made possible through the generous support of Trevor & Jacqui Vale.

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