

# Friends of Pallister's Reserve Inc.



Pallister's Reserve is a 254 ha wetland reserve on Masons Road, Orford, owned by Trust for Nature, & managed by the Friends of Pallister's Reserve Inc. Established January 1990

**June 2026**

**Next Meeting: Sunday, June 28, 2026**

10am: Working Bee

Noon: Lunch

12:30pm: General meeting

## Videoed Visitors

As part of her contracted program to monitor and control fox and cat predators, Lisette Mill set up a bait station and video camera traps at the Reserve. Unexpectedly captured on one video was a pair Whistling Kites, a bird rarely seen at the Reserve. **The video** starts with a Kite picking apart a feather lure. The video reveals that the arrival of the Kites was unwelcome to the Reserve's Eastern Grey Kangaroos – Whistling Kites are large predators, quite capable of seizing a young joey separated from its mother.



During February 2026 only 9 mm of rain was recorded at the Reserve. Recognizing that in these dry conditions free-standing water would be valuable resource, Peter Bolte positioned an old low-res camera to monitor activity at an existing water trough. A number of visitors **put in appearances**, including – as detailed in the **March Newsletter** – the first Willie Wagtail observed on the Reserve in 13years!

Click on the blue links above to watch the videos.



## June Working Bee Tasks

- Tidy up access tracks after storms.
- Read bores.
- Collect plant signs for recycling.
- Weeding: Coast wattle, amaryllis belladonna, thistle, ...
- Mowing

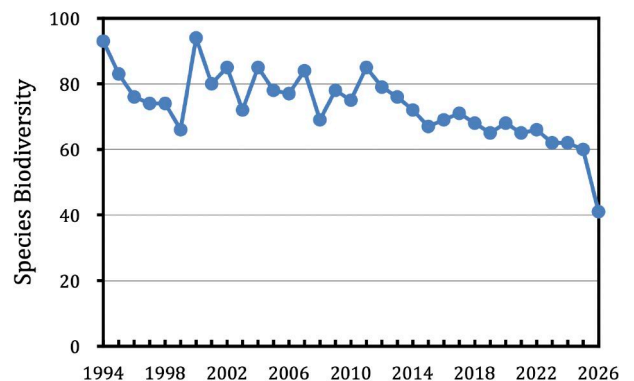
## Bird Surveys On-line

Pallister's bird survey records from 1993 on have been compiled into *Excel* spreadsheets **freely accessible** through the internet. The main spreadsheet gathers together the results of survey-by-survey records, grouped by year. Another sheet collates the collected year-by-year data into a single table.

For the years 2010–2026 individual annual spreadsheets have also been compiled, showing site-by-site breakdowns of the bird counts.

Subject to lenient conditions, readers are welcome to use these records to explore their own curiosity. The tables are explained in the READ.ME file that accompanies the spreadsheets.

Over 400 separate bird surveys have been made at Pallister's, recording at least 144 species. A small selection of derived data is shown on the next page, and below.



Annual total number of species recorded during Pallister's bird surveys, by year. There still remain 6 months to go in 2026, so the low score for the current year will rise.

Pallisters Reserve lies in the traditional Country of the Gunditjmara and Eastern Maar peoples, who never ceded their sovereignty of the Land. We are indebted for their past and ongoing custodianship.

Meetings are held at the Reserve; usually every fourth Sunday except July and December.

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## Historical Bird Visits to Pallister's Reserve

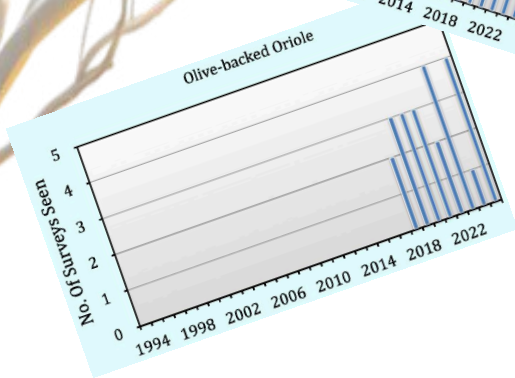
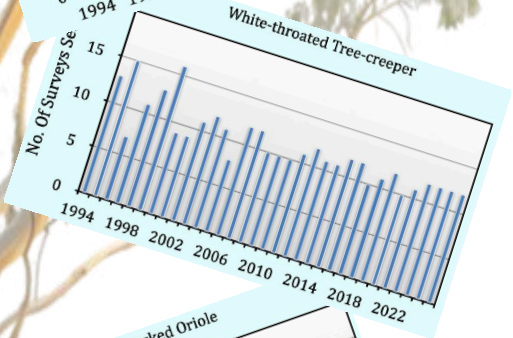
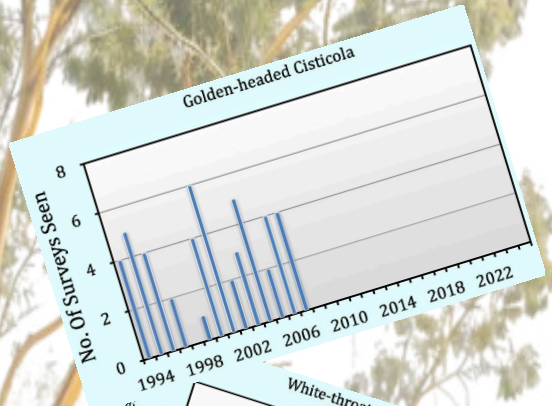
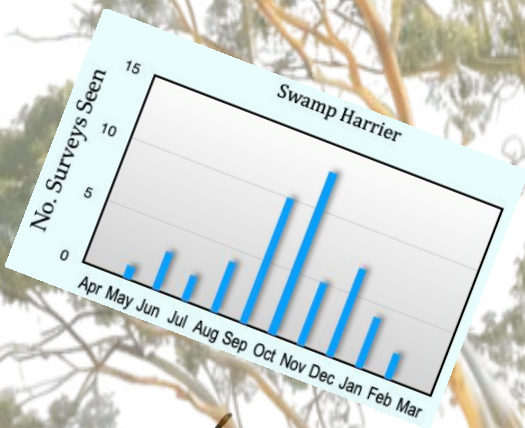
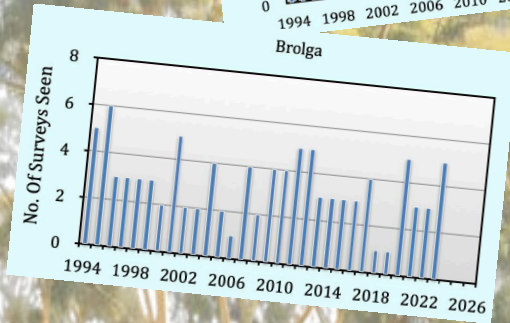
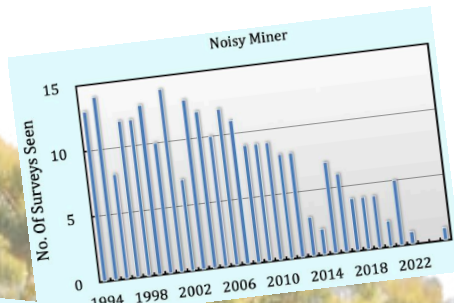


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