



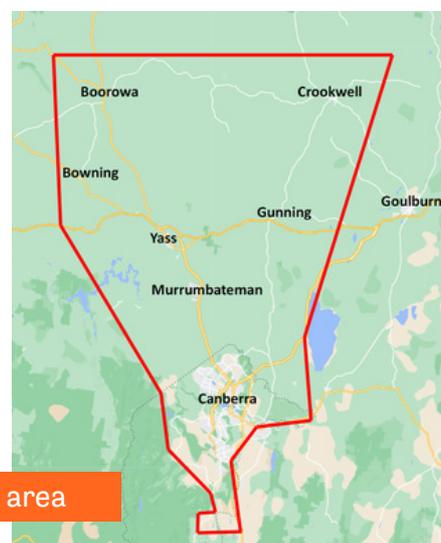
## ACT-Yass Birds on Farms

At least 195 bird species in Australia are dependent on temperate woodlands and sadly 45 of these species are now considered threatened or in decline. The main reasons for the decline in bird populations are habitat loss and fragmentation. More than 80% of temperate woodlands have been cleared in south-eastern Australia, and 75% of the remaining woodlands are now on private property, making their protection crucial for the conservation of our woodland birds.

The ACT-Yass Birds on Farms project works with rural landholders to increase the amount, condition and connectivity of woodland habitat on their properties and to improve populations of threatened woodland birds in the region.

The project includes two main components:

- A bird monitoring program to learn more about the distribution of woodland birds and the health of their populations on private rural land.
- Assisting interested landholders in the development of habitat restoration plans to protect and improve woodland habitat on their properties.



Project area

## Benefits of habitat restoration for farm productivity

Habitat restoration is not only good for birds, but it can also benefit farm productivity.

- Windbreaks can provide shade and shelter for stock as well as traveling corridors for birds.
- Restoring vegetation along creeklines and dams can prevent erosion, improve water quality and increase water retention through shading.
- Native vegetation can attract important insect pollinators.
- Birds are a natural predator of pest insects.



## Habitat Restoration Plans

A Habitat Restoration Plan describes all the habitat restoration projects you would like to undertake on your property. This can include the protection of remnant vegetation, establishing windbreaks, revegetating creeklines or planting paddock trees to establish connectivity between existing habitat patches. It all depends on what you would like to achieve!

One of our team members will visit your property and conduct a site assessment. You can tell us what you would like to achieve with the property, and we can recommend activities that would be beneficial for woodland birds as well as your property. Once you have decided on the projects you would like to undertake, we will develop a Habitat Restoration Plan. Throughout the process you will have opportunities to suggest changes and provide feedback.

The Plan can include projects you would like to undertake soon, but also projects you would like to do in the future. It will contain details for every individual project, such as a project description, list of required materials and plants, and a budget.

The completed Habitat Restoration Plan will include all the necessary information, so you, or the Birds on Farms project team, can apply for funding opportunities in the future with ease. The Habitat Restoration Plans are provided at no cost and without any obligation to the landholder.

Any landholder within our project area can apply.



### Benefits of having a Plan

- Provides instructions on what actions you need to undertake.
- Lists required materials, such as metres of fencing and number of plants.
- Includes a detailed budget.
- You have all the information required to apply for grants.
- It is FREE of cost.

For more information about Habitat Restoration Plans or the ACT-Yass Birds on Farms project in general email [bof-act-yass@birdlife.org.au](mailto:bof-act-yass@birdlife.org.au).

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