



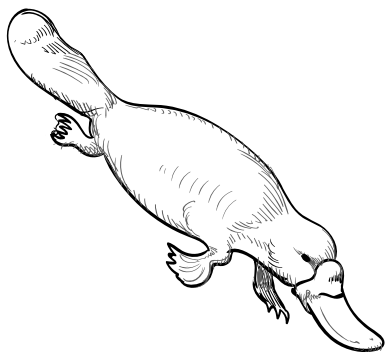
# Platy-Project Self-guided Search



Contribute to the Australian Conservation Foundation **platy-project** by visiting one of the waterways in the Yarra Ranges to look for platypus during September and record your findings at [acf.org.au/platy-project-signup](http://acf.org.au/platy-project-signup)

This map contains suggestions on where you might see platypus, check Google maps for other waterways to visit.

# Platy-Project



## About the project

This September, the Australian Conservation Foundation is asking people to head down to their local creek or river, find a quiet place on the bank, try to spot platypus and record what they see (or don't see!).

By taking part in the platy-project you'll help researchers better understand and protect platypus. And if you're lucky enough to see a platypus you'll have an amazing story to tell your friends!

## How to get involved

Sign up at [acf.org.au/platy-project-signup](http://acf.org.au/platy-project-signup) and watch [youtu.be/zOKM\\_sDgJuA](https://youtu.be/zOKM_sDgJuA) to find out how to carry out a search.

## Yarra Ranges Self-guided Platypus Search

Places you might see platypus are listed below, however, you can visit any waterway in the Yarra Ranges to look for platypus. Recording your search whether or not you see platypus is important as the absence of platypus also contributes valuable data.

Places to look for platypus include:

- Brushy Creek, Croydon North
- Monbulk Creek, Belgrave
- Olinda Creek (between Mt Evelyn and Lilydale)
- Yarra River, Warramate Hills Nature Conservation Reserve, Gruyere
- Woori Yallock Creek (Warburton Rail Trail)
- Yarra River, Warburton
- Little Yarra River (Yarra Junction)
- Big Pats Creek (Warburton)

## Tips for platypus spotting

### Time

Platypus are mainly active at night and the best time to see them are the hour after dawn or the hour before dusk.

In early spring platypus can be more active during the day.

### Place

Platypus need healthy waterways to live in. Look out for sections of creeks and rivers with a good bit of bush along the banks — think trees, shrubs, ferns — with good, flowing water and places for platypus to duck and dive as they search for tucker among rocks and logs. Find a spot where the water is calm, so you can see any ripples the animals might make.

### Caring for the environment

When platypus spotting, take care of the environment by avoiding stepping on vegetation.

### Safety

- Wear sturdy footwear
- Stay away from the edge of river banks
- Watch out for snakes

Get started by visiting  
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