

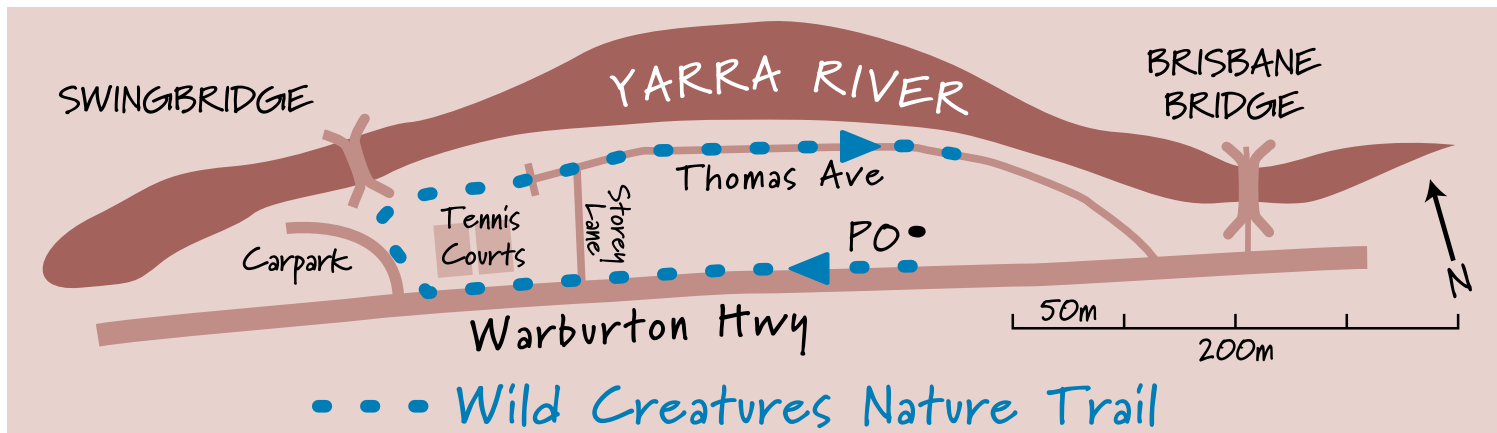
# Welcome! to Warburton's Wild Creatures Nature Trail

**\* Start at Warburton Post Office and follow footpath down to tennis courts and along Thomas Avenue**

**IDENTIFY EACH CREATURE, THEN LIST THE KEY-WORDS IN THE SECOND COLUMN TO SEE A WATER-WISE MESSAGE**

1. I am the largest raptor found on the Australian continent .....
2. I use my tail as a rudder as I fly between trees .....
3. I LOVE ants! (but they don't like me much) .....
4. I nest in tree hollows and make a racket when I'm feeding .....
5. Pollution in the waterways can harm my eggs and tadpoles .....
6. I am one of the fastest creatures in the world .....
7. I am the faunal emblem of Victoria .....
8. I'm an endangered species, but I'm not giving up! .....
9. I'm a carnivorous marsupial ... and really like my privacy .....
10. Like most of my species, I'm a nocturnal hunting raptor .....
11. Hey! I'm one too, but prey on larger mammals .....
12. I'm fairly timid, but you might see me browsing during twilight hours .....
13. I'm gorgeous! and like to mimic a range of sounds .....
14. I usually lurk in my burrow when I'm not foraging for a feed .....
15. I live in trees, but infrequently come down to find water during a drought .....
16. I'm named after the sound I make during the night .....
17. Being an egg-laying mammal, I'm very special .....
18. I have an exoskeleton and live in water (and muddy burrows) .....
19. As my name suggests, I live in mountain regions .....
20. I dive down to catch fish and crustaceans, and rarely miss my prey .....
21. If I told you I was aquatic, what would I be? .....
22. I'm only found in the clear, fresh snow melt streams of the alpine regions .....
23. Don't feed me much! I need to forage around the river for a healthy diet .....
24. I have many relatives, including wolves and poodles .....
25. My stripes are my warning and I only strike when scared. I hunt small creatures .....
26. I'm the largest of the kingfisher family and enjoy a varied diet .....
27. I like to water from a rock in the middle of the river, mornings and evenings .....
28. I find that huntsman spiders, centipedes and scorpions are delicious! .....
29. Hang by day, fly at night ... your fruit is not safe from my sharp bite .....
30. As with most reptiles, my forked tongue helps me to smell .....

*We hope you found this Trail both enjoyable and interesting! For more information about the project – and other activities around Warburton – see over.*



## Wild Creatures of the Upper Yarra Trail

Warburton is situated on the upper reaches of the Yarra River and is the first town downstream of Upper Yarra Dam. The surrounding Yarra Ranges National Park, Yarra State Forest and other regional wildlife reserves in this catchment make the area unique and abundant in riparian, floral and faunal biodiversity. The three terrestrial emblems of Victoria are represented in our surrounds – these being the Helmeted Honey Eater, Leadbeaters Possum and Pink Heath, distinctive to the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

A community-based initiative which came to fruition in 2003, the 30 plaques along the Trail were designed by artists from Warburton Primary School and Upper Yarra Secondary College, plus local tertiary students and community artists. Without their talent and patience this project would have faltered. Thanks to them all.

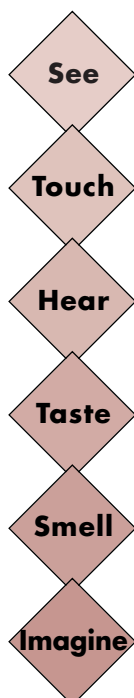
A water wise message is embedded in the Trail, one word per plaque you visit, and a brief insight into each creature's characteristics or habitat is also provided.

The message that we have aimed to present is that every animal, plant and aquatic dweller that makes up our unique biodiversity is dependent on clean, healthy water.

*It is vital to help our wildlife by placing litter in bins (or taking it home with you!) rather than in gutters or other public space and by not discarding used fishing line on the banks of the Yarra River.*

The project has received keen interest from visiting educational institutions.

### ***Here are a few more Warburton adventures to discover and enjoy ...***



- ***Explore*** the Yarra River Walks (and several other walks around the town)
- ***Climb*** the Mount Donna Buang Lookout Tower (you can even go tobogganning in winter!)
- ***Discover*** the Rainforest Open Air Gallery
- ***See*** the Tallest Ada Tree
- ***Ride*** the Warburton Rail Trail
- ***Trek*** to LaLa Falls
- ***Wander*** through Big Peninsula Tunnel

***and, of course, ALWAYS keep your eyes peeled for Wild Creatures!***

Helpful contact points:

Warburton Visitor Information Centre: 03 5966 9600

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