



# Animal Species List

For detailed information and photos go to the **Cape Chatter** website

<https://capechatter.com/>

Report new animal observations by email to: [dwhartney@bigpond.com](mailto:dwhartney@bigpond.com)



The animal species list is based on observations within **The Cape** estate, the adjoining Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park (**YBMCP**) and what can be observed from these boundaries. In addition to communal & home gardens and streetscapes, the estate's landscape features (based on water management, habitat creation, restoration & retention zones) have been used to label the key observation areas:

**A—south-east**: constructed & natural wetlands, heath, swamp and retained coastal scrub

**B—central/north-south**: constructed creek line, wetland complex & retained natural wetland (swampy 'bog') and open space habitat either side

**C—east-west**: chain of constructed ponds and open habitat either side

**D—south-west**: retained habitat buffer containing a constructed wetland near the F Break/Wilson Rd carpark and the area between the ancient sand dune ridge and YBMCP.



*The Cape is on the traditional land of the Bunurong people*

Mammals	A	B	C	D	YBMCP
Grey-headed Flying Fox, <b>R, V</b>	x				
Short-beaked Echidna, <b>C</b>	x	x	x	x	x
Eastern Grey Kangaroo, <b>C</b>	x	x	x	x	x
Swamp Wallaby, <b>U</b>	x			x	x
Koala, <b>U</b>	x				x
Bare-nosed Wombat, <b>C</b>	x	x	x	x	x
Agile Antechinus, <b>R</b>	x				x
Swamp Antechinus, <b>R, V</b>					x
New Holland Mouse, <b>R, E</b>	x				x
Common Ringtail Possum, <b>U</b>	x				x
Bush Rat, <b>U</b>	x				x
Water Rat, <b>R</b>		x			
Swamp Rat, <b>U</b>	x	x			x
Australian Fur Seal, <b>U</b>					x
Humpback Whale, <b>U, CE, M-W</b>					x
Southern Right Whale, <b>R, E, M-W</b>					x
Common Dolphin, <b>U</b>					x
Introduced Species	A	B	C	D	YBMCP
Black Rat <b>C</b>	x	x	x	x	x
Rabbit <b>C</b>	x	x	x	x	x
Brown Hare <b>U</b>		x	x	x	x
House Mouse <b>C</b>	x	x	x	x	x
Cat <b>U</b>	x	x	x	x	x
Red Fox <b>C</b>	x	x	x	x	x
Eastern Dwarf Tree Frog, <b>R</b>		x			

Amphibians	A	B	C	D	YBMCP
Eastern Banjo Frog, <b>C</b>	x	x	x	x	x
Brown Striped Frog, <b>U</b>	x	x	x		x
Common Eastern Froglet, <b>C</b>	x	x	x	x	x
Marsh Frog, <b>U</b>	x	x	x		x
Victoria Frog, <b>U</b>	x				
Verreaux’s Frog, <b>U</b>	x	x			x
Brown Tree Frog, <b>U</b>	x	x			x
Spotted Grass Frog, <b>U</b>	x	x			x

Reptiles & Turtles	A	B	C	D	YBMCP
Blotched Blue-tongue Lizard, <b>U</b>	x	x		x	x
Garden Skink, <b>C</b>	x	x	x	x	x
Metallic Skink, <b>U</b>	x	x			x
Southern Grass Skink, <b>C</b>	x	x			x
Southern Water Skink, <b>R</b>		x			
Lowland Copperhead, <b>C</b>	x	x	x	x	x
White-lipped Snake, <b>R</b>	x				x
Red-bellied Black Snake, <b>U</b>	x				
Eastern Snake-necked Turtle, <b>U</b>		x	x		

**Key:** status relative to sightings within **The Cape** and **YBMCP** and threatened species status in **Victoria**

**C**—**Common**: should be encountered in the area

**U**—**Uncommon**: reasonable chance of encounter in the area

**R**—**Rare**: rarely seen or heard but known to be present

**M-S**—**summer migrant**

**M-W**—**winter migrant**

**CE**—**Critically Endangered**

**E**—**Endangered**

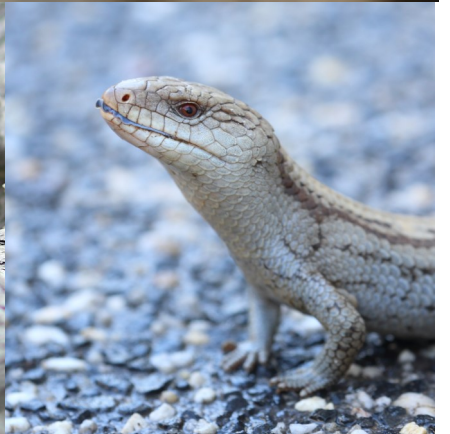
**V**—**Vulnerable**

**NT**—**Near Threatened**

**The Cape is private land. Please respect and protect the wildlife and habitat areas by:**

- Not entering habitat areas where signed
- Keeping dogs on leash at all times
- Not feeding wildlife
- Giving wildlife right of way on walking and cycle paths
- Driving slowly and being aware of wildlife on roads and cycle/walking paths
- Reporting injured wildlife to **Wildlife Victoria** on **03 8400 7300**

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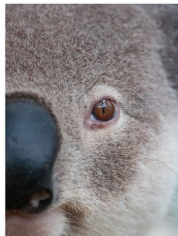


All photos taken at **The Cape** by resident David Hartney

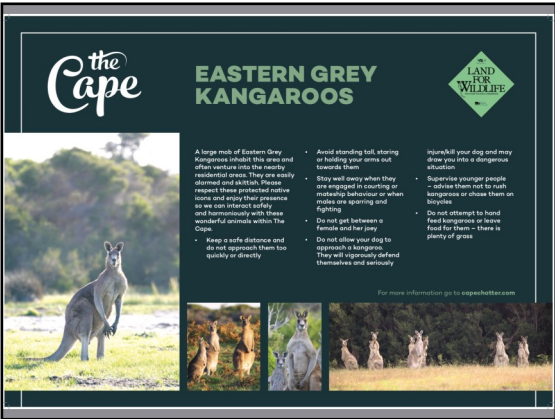
# Conservation Projects at The Cape

In addition to the extensive ecological and environmental restoration works undertaken by **The Cape** developer, a number of community based programs help raise awareness and protect habitat and wildlife around the estate and adjoining YBMCP.

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koala @The Cape



**Project Koala** This community led habitat rewilding project aims to complement and enhance the environmental restoration works by building new indigenous treed habitat within **The Cape**. While focussed on plant species to support the local Cape Paterson ‘*Strzelecki koala*’ population, the project will support other fauna species requiring such vegetation and structure for food and shelter. There is a dearth of mature trees within the estate due to past land clearance practices when the area was used as a grazing property.



## Living with and caring for the wildlife

We are privileged to be able to live so close to nature, but the mix of a housing development and wildlife comes with many risks and threats to the animals.

You can do your bit by following the advice in this brochure, especially in relation to driving slowly and keeping dogs on leash.

A range of interpretive signs are in place along the estate’s paths and roads. A comprehensive display of educative signs are on show in the Dog Park shelter. Small portable wildlife signs are also deployed covering various situations to raise awareness of any wildlife situations.

A number of residents volunteer as wildlife rescuers for Wildlife Victoria. If you see an injured animal, please call **Wildlife Victoria**.

(03) 8400 7300

**Mange Management** Mange is a horrible disease prevalent in the local *Common Wombat* population. It causes fur loss, blindness and terrible weeping wounds on the skin, leading to the painful death of the animal if untreated. It is thought to be caused by a mite which is transmitted through the warm, moist conditions of shared wombat burrows. Wombats seen foraging during the daytime are most likely to be suffering from mange, especially if it is evident there are raw skin patches on the animal. It is treatable! There are local volunteers who can treat the wombat under the auspices of **Mange Management Inc.** If you see and suspect a wombat has mange, please contact **Mange Management** and they will arrange for a volunteer to provide treatment if it is possible.

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