Regent Honeyeater Captive Release & Community Monitoring Project – Update #42 – 28 April 2021

Hi everyone (Regent Honeyeater email group),

Update #42 – 4yrs+ post 2017 release

Firstly, there are no Regents that we are currently aware of in NE Vic/Sth NSW – but that's the point. There is good Mugga Ironbark, Grey Box & Spotted Gum flowering now – and we are hoping you can help to search and find them.

National Swift Parrot Regent Honeyeater surveys are currently being coordinated across SE Aust.

You're invited to join in the monitoring at Chiltern-Mt. Pilot National Park on Sat. 15th May.

We'll be trialling the new 5 min Swift Parrot Search technique using the Birdata app at over 50 sites within the Box ironbark section of the Park, but will also blend in more traditional Regent Honeyeater focussed surveys, especially where Mugga Ironbark is in good flower or where there is high honeyeater activity.

Please RSVP to Glen J asap/by Wed 12 May.

Further details including start time and location, and catering will be emailed to respondents.

Check out the 'Reverence' Mural

Late last year a new 'Reverence' Mural, commissioned by DELWP and produced by local artist Kirrily Anderson, was unveiled at the Chiltern Recreation Reserve, Barnawartha Road, Chiltern.



'Reverence' Mural by Kirrily Anderson Photo: Luke Morrison



Look, Listen and Explore

The story of the new Mural can be found on DELWP's Explore Chiltern-Mt. Pilot National Park website.

Look into the detail and learn about the species represented in the Mural and join in the Jewel Beetle hunt – see if you can spot all 15!

Listen to three short Regent Honeyeater Podcasts:

- A glorious bird in trouble
- A captive release
- Community flocking together

Explore trails in the Chiltern-Mt. Pilot National Park and find new signs erected as part of the project on the north and south bound Hume Freeway 'Ironbark' rest stops adjoining Chiltern Mt. Pilot NP.



Please report any Regent sightings asap: Keep an eye and ear open for Regents in your patch of flowering bush (or native garden with flowering Grevillea, Banksia, bottlebrush etc). Remember to grab your bino's, check for and record any leg bands present, and where possible take and forward photographs.

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