

FLORA AND FAUNA GUARANTEE - SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE FINAL RECOMMENDATION ON UPDATES TO THE FLORA AND FAUNA GUARANTEE ACT 1988 THREATENED LIST

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Required updates to the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 Threatened List

Recent amendments to Victoria's *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* (FFG Act) included a commitment to align Victoria's threatened flora and fauna listing process with the nationally consistent Common Assessment Method (CAM) under the Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding Agreement on a Common Assessment Method for Listing of Threatened Species (CAM MoU). See https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/biodiversity/threatened/cam

Part of the CAM MoU is a commitment to establish in each jurisdiction a single operational list of threatened species. Therefore, when taxa occurring in Victoria are newly listed or updated (with a CAM compliant assessment) under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), Victoria has an obligation to reflect those updates on the FFG Act Threatened List.

Eligibility for listing on the FFG Act Threatened List

The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) has assessed the eligibility of the taxa in Tables 1, 2 and 3 below in accordance with Division 3 of Part 3 (Section 16E: Taxon assessed by another jurisdiction as to its risk of extinction in Australia) of the FFG Act. The SAC is of the opinion that the assessments of the below taxa were conducted in accordance with the CAM and therefore makes a final recommendation under Section 16F to deliver a status that is the same as the recommendation arising from the EPBC Act assessments (Appendix 1).

Decision by the Scientific Advisory Committee

This final recommendation by the SAC relates to three categories of updates to the FFG Act Threatened List: two categories of EPBC Act listings that require updating in accordance with the CAM MoU (Tables 1 and 2) and one category that is required to amend errors in the FFG Act Threatened List (as Gazetted in May 2021) for EPBC listed CAM compliant taxa (Table 3).

Table 1: New EPBC listings of taxa occurring in Victoria that are not currently FFG listed. These taxa are recommended to be added to the FFG Act Threatened List.

Taxon ID	Scientific Name	Common Name	FFG Act Extinction Risk	FFG Act Category of Threat
10268	Callocephalon fimbriatum	Gang-gang Cockatoo	Australia	Endangered
904444	Calochilus pulchellus	Pretty Beard-orchid	Australia	Endangered
11136	Petaurus australis australis	Yellow-bellied Glider	Australia	Vulnerable
10506	Pycnoptilus floccosus	Pilotbird	Australia	Vulnerable
12433	Liopholis montana	Mountain Skink	Australia	Endangered

Table 2: Updated EPBC listings of taxa that occur in Victoria that are currently FFG listed. These taxa are recommended to be updated in the FFG Act Threatened List.

Taxon ID	Scientific Name	Common Name	Current FFG Act Extinction Risk	Updated FFG Act Extinction Risk	Current FFG Act Category of Threat	Updated FFG Act Category of Threat
10265	Calyptorhynchus lathami	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	Victoria	Australia	Critically Endangered	Vulnerable
903818	Keyacris scurra	Matchstick Grasshopper	Victoria	Australia	listed	Endangered
13168	Litoria booroolongensis	Booroolong Tree Frog	Victoria	Australia	Critically Endangered	Endangered
13195	Litoria spenceri	Spotted Tree Frog	Victoria	Australia	Critically Endangered	Critically Endangered
13936	Litoria watsoni	Watson's Tree Frog	Victoria	Australia	Critically Endangered	Endangered
11175	Potorous tridactylus trisulcatus	Long-nosed Potoroo	Victoria	Australia	Vulnerable	Vulnerable
503889	Prasophyllum litorale	Coastal Leek-orchid	Victoria	Australia	Critically Endangered	Critically Endangered
15021	Synemon plana	Golden Sun Moth	Victoria	Australia	Vulnerable	Vulnerable

Table 3: Corrections to the FFG Act Threatened List for EPBC listed CAM compliant taxa. These taxa are recommended to be updated in the FFG Act Threatened List.

Taxon ID	Scientific Name	Common Name	Current FFG Act Extinction Risk	Correct FFG Act Extinction Risk	Current FFG Act Category of Threat	Correct FFG Act Category of Threat
11034	Antechinus minimus maritimus	Swamp Antechinus	Victoria	Australia	Vulnerable	Vulnerable
10603	Anthochaera phrygia	Regent Honeyeater	Victoria	Australia	Critically Endangered	Critically Endangered
11156	Burramys parvus	Mountain Pygmy- possum	Victoria	Australia	Endangered	Endangered
10161	Calidris ferruginea	Curlew Sandpiper	Victoria	Australia	Critically Endangered	Critically Endangered
10165	Calidris tenuirostris	Great Knot	Victoria	Australia	Critically Endangered	Critically Endangered
504500	Dipodium campanulatum	Bell-flower Hyacinth- orchid	Victoria	Australia	Endangered	Endangered
501244	Eucalyptus aggregata	Black Gum	Victoria	Australia	Vulnerable	Vulnerable
10236	Falco hypoleucos	Grey Falcon	Victoria	Australia	Vulnerable	Vulnerable
10598	Grantiella picta Painted Honeyeater		Victoria	Australia	Vulnerable	Vulnerable
10334	Hirundapus caudacutus	White-throated Needletail	Victoria	Australia	Vulnerable	Vulnerable
61092	Isoodon obesulus obesulus Southern Brown Bandicoot		Victoria	Australia	Endangered	Endangered
10309	Lathamus discolor Swift Parrot		Victoria	Australia	Critically Endangered	Critically Endangered
504581	Leucochrysum albicans subsp. tricolor White Sunray		Victoria	Australia	Endangered	Endangered

11438	Mastacomys fuscus mordicus	Broad-toothed Rat	Victoria	Australia	Vulnerable	Vulnerable
10149	Numenius madagascariensis	Eastern Curlew	Victoria	Australia	Critically Endangered	Critically Endangered
65003	Paralucia pyrodiscus lucida	Eltham Copper Butterfly	Australia	Australia	Critically Endangered	Endangered
10020	Pedionomus torquatus	Plains-wanderer	Victoria	Australia	Critically Endangered	Critically Endangered
11133	Petauroides volans	Southern Greater Glider	Victoria	Australia	Vulnerable	Endangered
11018	Phascogale calura	Red-tailed Phascogale	Victoria	Australia	Extinct	Vulnerable
11468	Pseudomys shortridgei Heath Mouse		Victoria	Australia	Endangered	Endangered
10091	Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross		Victoria	Australia	Endangered	Endangered
10138	Thinornis cucullatus cucullatus	Hooded Plover	Victoria	Australia	Vulnerable	Vulnerable

Documentation

The published information provided to and sourced by the SAC has been assessed. To the best of their knowledge, the SAC believes that the data presented are not the subject of scientific dispute and the inferences drawn are reasonable and well supported.

Final Recommendation of the Scientific Advisory Committee

The Scientific Advisory Committee makes a final recommendation that the taxa in Tables 1, 2 and 3 be updated on the FFG Act Threatened List in accordance with the CAM MoU and Section 16E of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*.

Endorsement by the Convenor of the Scientific Advisory Committee

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11 January 2023

<u>Appendix 1:</u> Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water - EPBC Act Conservation Advice and CAM Compliant Listing Assessments.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Link to EPBC Act Conservation Advice and CAM Compliant Listing Assessments
Callocephalon fimbriatum	Gang-gang Cockatoo	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/768- conservation-advice-02032022.pdf
Calochilus pulchellus	Pretty Beard- orchid	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/84677-conservation-advice-05102022.pdf
Petaurus australis australis	Yellow-bellied Glider	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/87600-conservation-advice-02032022.pdf
Pycnoptilus floccosus	Pilotbird	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/525- conservation-advice-02032022.pdf
Liopholis montana	Mountain Skink	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/87162- conservation-advice-10082022.pdf
Calyptorhynchus Iathami	Glossy Black- Cockatoo	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/67036-conservation-advice-10082022.pdf
Keyacris scurra	Matchstick Grasshopper	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/89739-conservation-advice-05102022.pdf
Litoria booroolongensis	Booroolong Tree Frog	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/1844- conservation-advice-19102021.pdf
Litoria spenceri	Spotted Tree Frog	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/25959- conservation-advice-13112021.pdf
Litoria watsoni	Watson's Tree Frog	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/91509- conservation-advice-18022022.pdf
Potorous tridactylus trisulcatus	Long-nosed Potoroo	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/86367- conservation-advice-02032022.pdf
Prasophyllum litorale	Coastal Leek- orchid	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/55234- conservation-advice-05102022.pdf
Synemon plana	Golden Sun Moth	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/25234- conservation-advice-07122021.pdf
Antechinus minimus maritimus	Swamp Antechinus	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/83086 -conservation-advice-05052016.pdf
Anthochaera phrygia	Regent Honeyeater	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/82338 -conservation-advice.pdf
Burramys parvus	Mountain Pygmy- possum	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/267-conservation-advice-01022018.pdf
Calidris ferruginea	Curlew Sandpiper	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/856-conservation-advice.pdf
Calidris tenuirostris	Great Knot	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/862-conservation-advice-05052016.pdf
Dipodium campanulatum	Bell-flower Hyacinth-orchid	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/55051 -conservation-advice.pdf
Eucalyptus aggregata	Black Gum	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/20890-conservation-advice-171115.pdf
Falco hypoleucos	Grey Falcon	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/929-conservation-advice-09072020.pdf
Grantiella picta	Painted Honeyeater	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/470-conservation-advice.pdf

Hirundapus caudacutus	White-throated Needletail	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/682-conservation-advice-04072019.pdf
Isoodon obesulus obesulus	Southern Brown Bandicoot	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/68050 -conservation-advice-05052016.pdf
Lathamus discolor	Swift Parrot	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/744-conservation-advice-05052016.pdf
Leucochrysum albicans subsp. tricolor	White Sunray	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/89104 -conservation-advice-20122021.pdf
Mastacomys fuscus mordicus	Broad-toothed Rat	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/87617 -conservation-advice-05052016.pdf
Numenius madagascariensis	Eastern Curlew	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/847-conservation-advice.pdf
Paralucia pyrodiscus lucida	Eltham Copper Butterfly	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/66766 -conservation-advice-05052016.pdf
Pedionomus torquatus	Plains-wanderer	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/906-conservation-advice.pdf
Petauroides volans	Southern Greater Glider	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/254-conservation-advice-05072022.pdf
Phascogale calura	Red-tailed Phascogale	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/316-conservation-advice-07122016.pdf
Pseudomys shortridgei	Heath Mouse	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/77-conservation-advice-07122016.pdf
Thalassarche cauta	Shy Albatross	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/89224 -conservation-advice-03072020.pdf
Thinornis cucullatus cucullatus	Hooded Plover	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/66726 -conservation-advice.pdf