

# 2017 Regent Honeyeater Captive Release & Community Monitoring Project – Update #26

Hi everyone (Regent Honeyeater email group),  
**Captive Release & Community Monitoring Project - Update #26**  
**(Week 56 post release)**

## Annual Swift Parrot & Regent Honeyeater Surveys

This year we will be running a formal survey day in Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park on

**Saturday 19 May from 8:30am – 2pm.**

**Morning tea and lunch will be provided.**

If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Liz Wemyss on [elizabeth.wemyss@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:elizabeth.wemyss@delwp.vic.gov.au).



## Regent Honeyeater Sightings

Our Gippsland wanderlings, who have been aptly named 'Thelma and Louise', were known to be still hanging out in Stratford the week before last.

There was a bit of excitement when two Regents (potentially one wild and one banded) were seen at a property in Barnawartha. The property owners, Allan and Noni, are well acquainted with Regents as they had them roosting on their property in 2013. After many cameras being set up on bird baths, the birds weren't captured on film and were unable to be identified! However, keep your eyes peeled, they might be somewhere nearby!

## Flowering update

Flowering trees around the park are currently looking few and far between. A couple of Mugga Ironbarks (*Eucalyptus sideroxylon*) have a little bit of flower, however there doesn't seem to be much bud, so unlikely that there will be much more this season!

## Warm and dry weather continues

There has been only one day of rain in April, with less than 5mm recorded for Chiltern. This is very low for April! To date, no frosts have been recorded in town either.

## Vale Roy Collins

It is with great sadness we commemorate Roy Collins, Eileen's husband of 63 years, who passed on 17 April. Our thoughts and well wishes are with Eileen and her family.



## Spot a Regent in the meantime?

Now is the time to search for returning Regents. Please let us know ASAP if you spot any or hear of Regent observations. Remember to check for bands with binoculars and take photos where possible.

## Please contact us for any queries:

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