

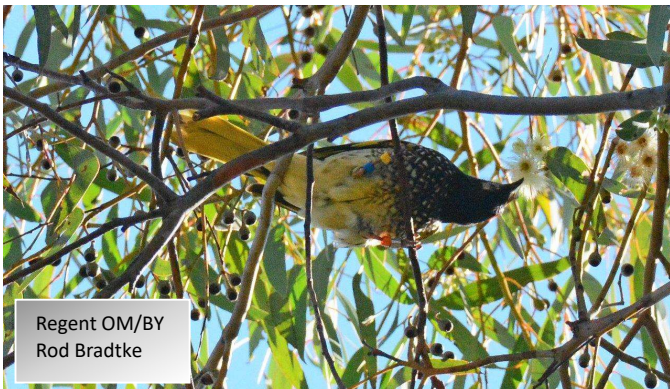
Regent Honeyeater Captive Release & Community Monitoring Project – Update #32 – May 2019

Hi everyone (Regent Honeyeater email group),
Update #32 – 2yrs + post 2017 release

1st returnee

A group of South Australian Riverland Field Naturalists – some of whom spent a week tracking Regents during our 2013 monitoring period – recently recorded the first Chiltern Regent return for 2019.

A solitary female - one of our 2017 released birds - Orange Metal / Blue Yellow (OM/BY) was spotted on Bar Trail near the Honeyeater Picnic Area.



OM/BY was last recorded on 18 August 2017. Accordingly, 738 days have slipped by between observations. It is now the 13th 2017 Regent recorded more than 12 months post release. The benefits of leg bands and the powers of observation demonstrated!



The SA Riverland Field Nat's also recorded seven Swifts during their four-day early May Chiltern Park stay.

National Regent Honeyeater & Swift Parrot Survey

An enthusiastic team of 17 volunteers and DELWP & Parks Vic staff recorded three Swift Parrots but unfortunately no Regents on the 18th May Chiltern Mt Pilot NP survey day.



Seasonal flowering prospects update

Mugga Ironbark in Chiltern is only now about to flower (many weeks later than usual) and is looking sparse; however prospects are perhaps not as dire given reasonable White Box and Hybrid Box Ironbark flowering is anticipated June/July onwards.

Time to Spot a Regent!

We'd really appreciate everyone keeping an eye and ear for Regents in your patch. Please let us know ASAP if you spot any or hear of Regent observations. Remember to check for bands with binoculars and take / forward photos where possible.

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