

VBA - Species Distribution Map

How to generate and export a species distribution map using the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas

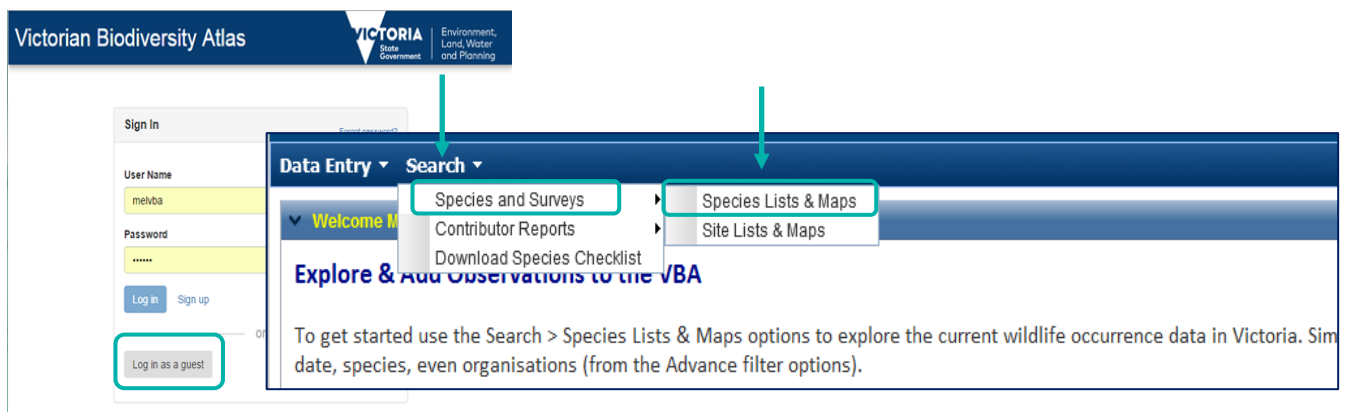
After conducting an area or species search the VBA enables you to generate a Geographic Distribution Map for up to 2 species at a time. Follow these steps to generate your own map.

Tips

Throughout the VBA each window has a **?** in the top right hand corner – this is window-specific help that will provide further details about how to complete the fields.

Make sure that you have allowed pop-ups from your browser (you will need to allow these from the VBA site)

1. Visit VBA (<https://vba.dse.vic.gov.au/vba/>) and enter as a **guest** or via your Login Name & Password
2. Navigate to the **Search** section in the top left of the Welcome page and then select **Species and Surveys > Species Lists & Maps**



From here you have access to the spatial and non-spatial search elements to query the VBA database.

There are multiple ways you can select your search area. For further details about how to conduct a search, refer to the help guide: *Search - Summary species list for an area*.

Once you've conducted your search and obtained a list of species, follow the steps below to generate the map:

3. Select the relevant 1 or 2 species from the list of species by clicking the tick box to the left of the species name.
4. Next click **Geographic Distribution Map** and a new map window will open displaying the statewide species distribution (as 10 minute grids).
5. Zoom in to your search area and you will be able to see the sites where your selected species has been recorded. *Note: you must be at a scale of 1:500k or better.*

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Select Area: Type: User Polygon | Click then Draw

Latitude	Longitude	Datum
-37.2717	143.0746	GDA94
-37.3219	143.0653	GDA94
-37.3393	143.1057	GDA94
-37.3288	143.1251	GDA94
-37.2834	143.1310	GDA94
-37.2749	143.1091	GDA94

Taxon ID	Scientific Name	Common Name	DSE Advisory List	Discipline	Taxon Origin	Short Name	Count of Sightings
10273	<i>Spizella melanostictus</i>	Long-billed Finch		Terrestrial fauna			2
10282	<i>Platyercus elegans</i>	Crimson Rosella		Terrestrial fauna			12
10288	<i>Platyercus eximius</i>	Eastern Rosella		Terrestrial fauna			3
10295	<i>Psephenotus haematonotus</i>	Red-rumped Parrot		Terrestrial fauna			1

586 record(s) found.

Buttons: Print, Export, Geographic Distribution Map

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- Depending on your preferences, you can turn on or off the grids showing the Sites or the grids (**Geographic Distribution**) in the **MyMap** section to the right of the map.
- You can now either **Print** or **Export** this map by using the buttons on the bottom right hand side of the screen

Geographic Distribution Map

Taxon ID: 10288 | Scientific Name: *Platyercus eximius* | Common Name: Eastern Rosella | Discipline: Terrestrial fauna | Level: Species

Legend:

- Sites for Taxon 1
- Geographic Distribution

Buttons: Print, Export, Close

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