

# Regent Honeyeater Captive Release & Community Monitoring Project – Update #27

Hi everyone (Regent Honeyeater email group),  
**Update #27 - 16 months post release**

## (Lack of) Flowering Update

Whilst NE Vic is not suffering the major drought conditions being experienced in other inland parts of SE Australia, the dry conditions have resulted in remarkably poor autumn / winter (Mugga & White Box) flowering (by Chiltern Mt. Pilot NP standards).

## Annual Regent Honeyeater & Swift Parrot Surveys

Accordingly, May and August surveys (and other monitoring in between) in Chiltern resulted in 'almost nil' observations of the usually dominant Noisy & Little Friarbirds, and very few target birds.

Nevertheless, the **May** surveys did reveal **four** 2017 release **Regents**. And thanks to 26 enthusiastic participants in last weekend's **August Chiltern** survey we observed another Regent & two Swifts.



The male Regent was another captive reared bird - Orange Metal White Pink (OMWK) leg bands - last recorded in late October 2017 (following a failed nesting attempt adjoining Black Dog Creek, Chiltern).

## Regent #8

At least eight captive reared Regents have now been recorded alive 12 months + post their April 2017 release.

Note: The Gippsland wanderlings, 'Thelma and Louise', were recently recorded in the Maffra area.

OMWK in one of the few flowering Mugga Ironbark – Greg Hardham



## Thanks & farewell Liz

We thank Liz Wemyss for her valued contribution and wish her well on her move to Katherine, NT.



## 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 / forward photos where possible.

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