

# Regent Honeyeater Captive Release & Community Monitoring Project – Update #34 – August 2019

Hi everyone (Regent Honeyeater email group),  
**Update #34 -- 2yrs + post 2017 release & Bi-annual Regent Honeyeater & Swift Parrot survey report**

Thirty participants braved the 1 degree foggy 8.30am start to the bi-annual National Regent Honeyeater & Swift Parrot survey conducted in Chiltern Mt. Pilot National Park over the weekend.



Thanks to Scott Jessup's report earlier in the week, the team confirmed the identity of two Regents near Pooley's Track on the south side of the Park. Five Swifties were also recorded in the same area.

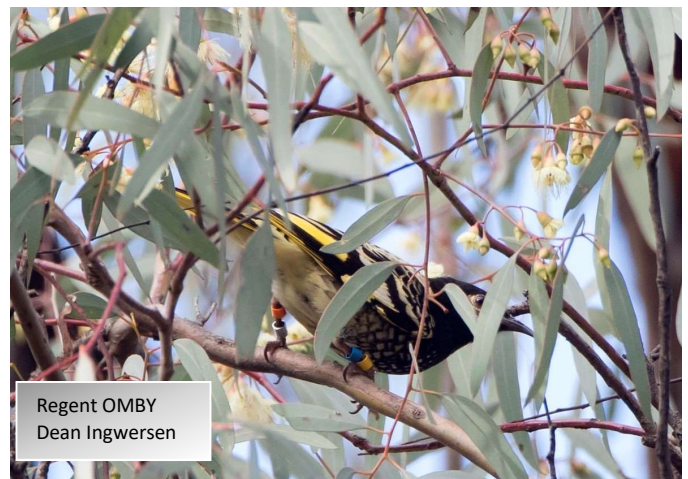


Both Regents are captive bred birds released into the Park in April 2017.

At first glance it may seem that these birds are sedentary. They are now only just under 4kms away from their point of release 800+ days ago. However, the reverse is the case.

Readers will recall recent Regent Updates of various 2017 release birds being recorded 100's km away including in Melbourne, Sydney and multiple Gippsland locations.

Indeed, the male of the pair sighted over the weekend, Orange Metal/Pink Pink (OMKK), was last recorded in September 2018 in Whorouly (Update #28), over 40kms to the south west of Chiltern.



The female, Orange Metal/Blue Yellow (OMBY) was last recorded (in Chiltern Mt. Pilot NP), just prior to our May 2019 survey (Update #32).

## Flowering Update

The continued absence of Noisy (and Little) Friarbirds demonstrates the patchiness of flowering in the Park (and indeed in most of north east Vic and southern NSW).

Nevertheless, Mugga Ironbark & White Box (& Hybrid Box-Ironbark) are still carrying reasonable to heavy bud that will provide ongoing flowering resource for another three months.



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Regent pair OMKK & OMBY  
Trevor Ierino



Zoi & Kurt sporting  
old faithful bino's  
Glen Johnson

## Interesting visitors

Kate, Janet & Jo recorded a pair of Spiny-cheeked Honeyeaters off Lang's Track.



Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater  
Kate Daniel

## Time to Spot a Regent!

We'd really appreciate everyone keeping an eye and ear out 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 forward photos where possible.



Dean Ingwersen aiming high  
Glen Johnson

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