





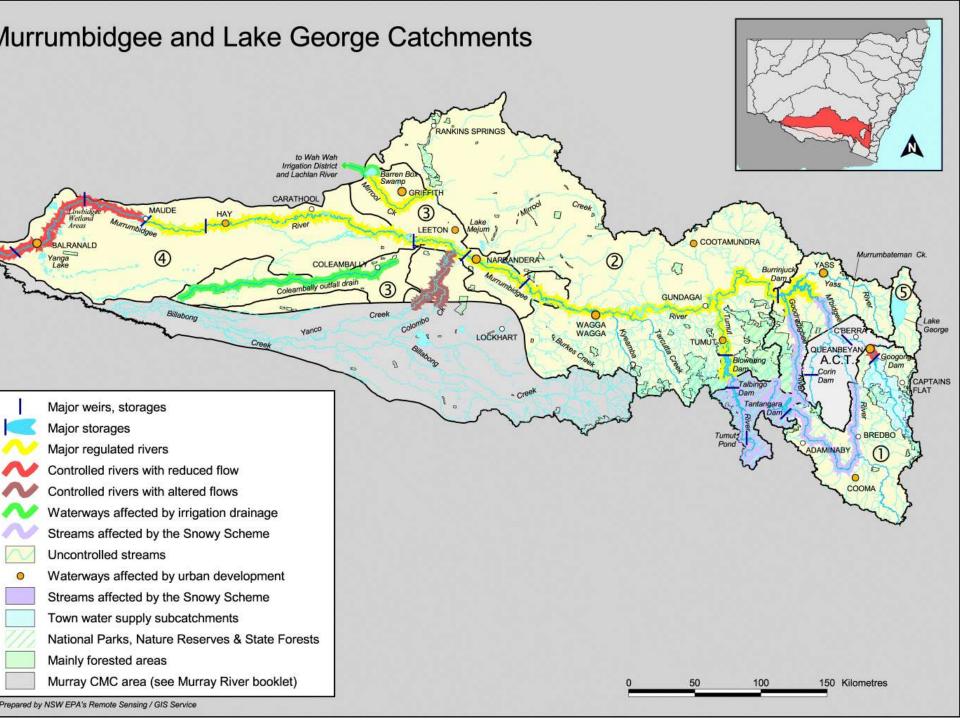


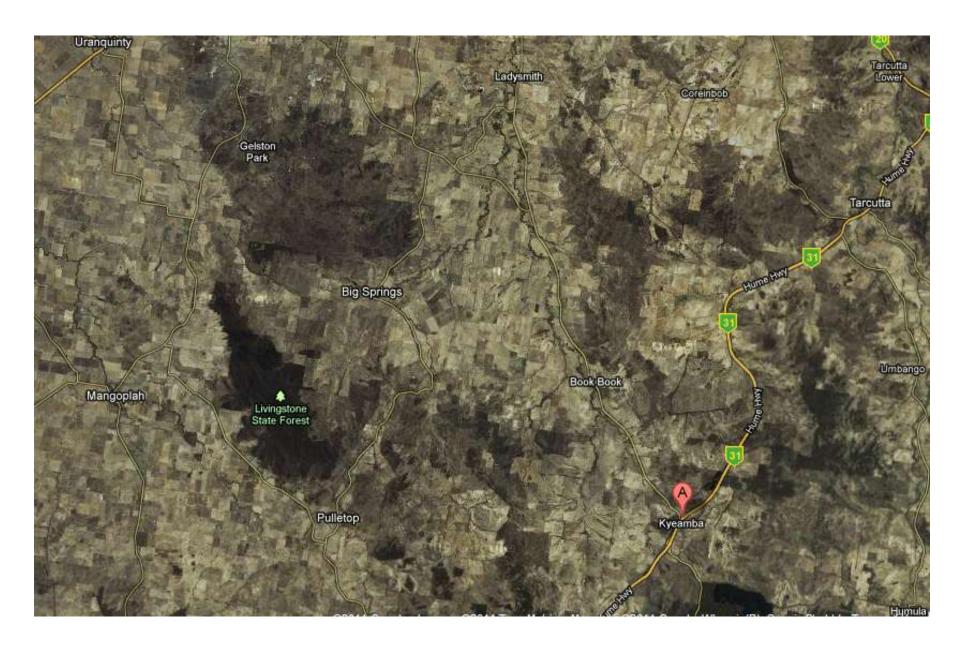
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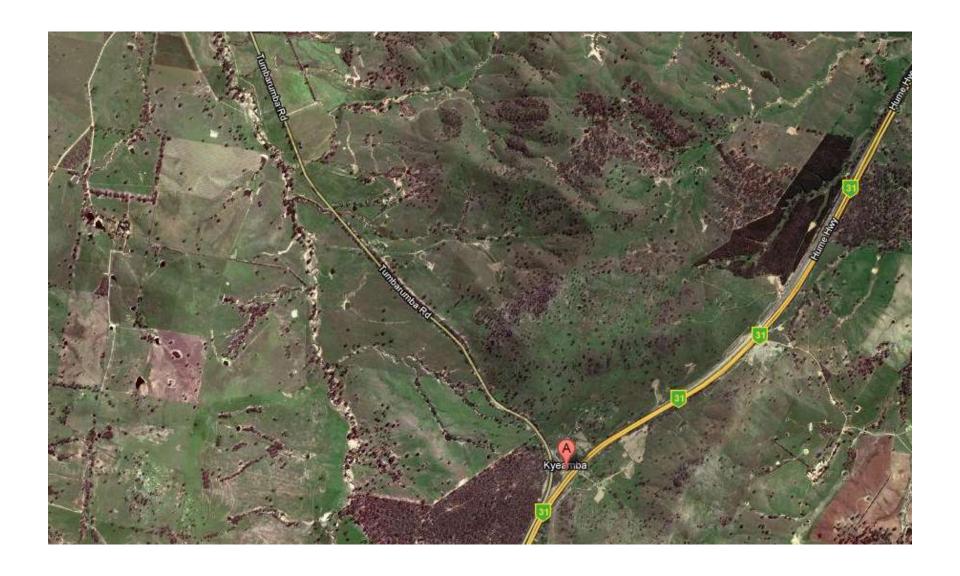
Preserving And Creating Biodiversity At The Landscape Level









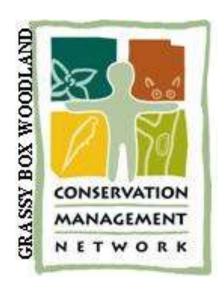
















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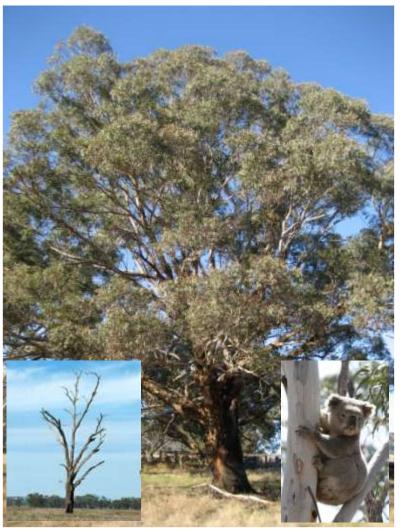
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What biodiversity do you have on our property to preserve?

Use habitat elements in the landscape as a surrogate:



Mature trees provide:

- Hollows;
- Nectar & leaves;
- Bark for hiding under;
- Stepping stones between habitat patches and
- •Shelter for perching, roosting and nesting.









Young trees and shrubs provide:

- •Nectar;
- Shelter for roosting and nesting;
- •Insect harbour;
- •Low perches for foraging;
- •Protection from predators and;
- a new generation of trees











Logs and litter on the ground provide:

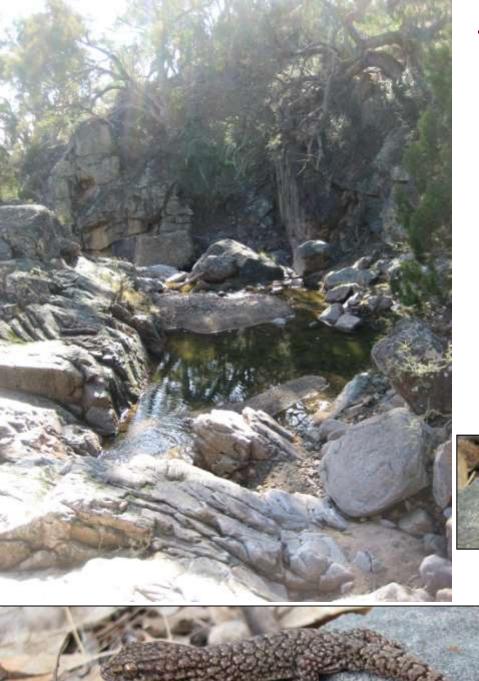
- •Shelter for nesting;
- •Protection from predators;
- Insect harbour and
- •A cooler microclimate.











Rocky outcrops and wet areas provide:

- Crevices for shelter and breeding;
- Protection from predators and fire and
- •Rocks for basking.

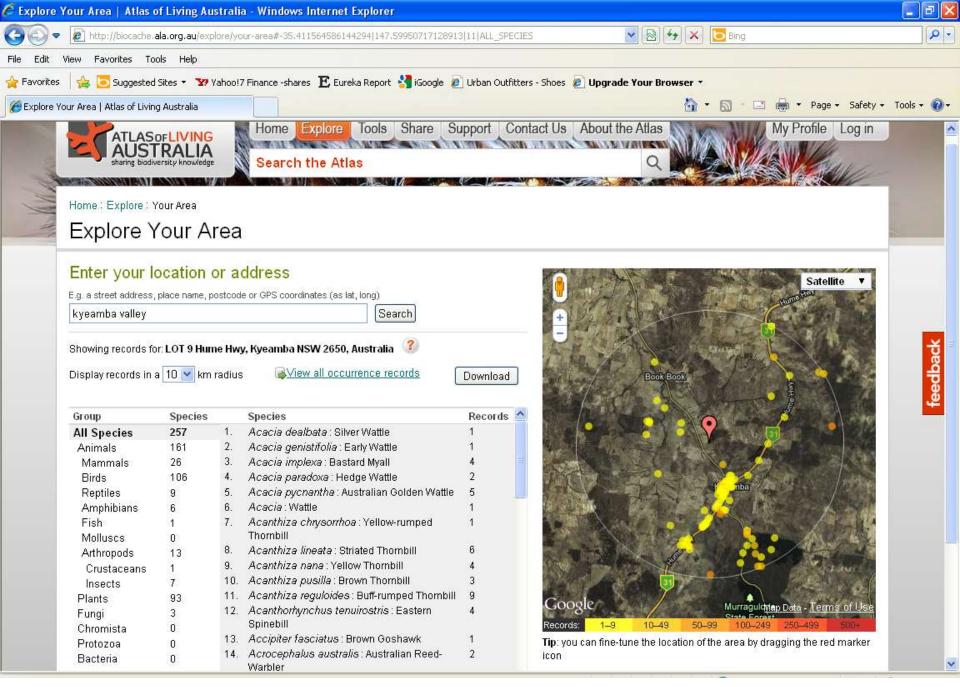




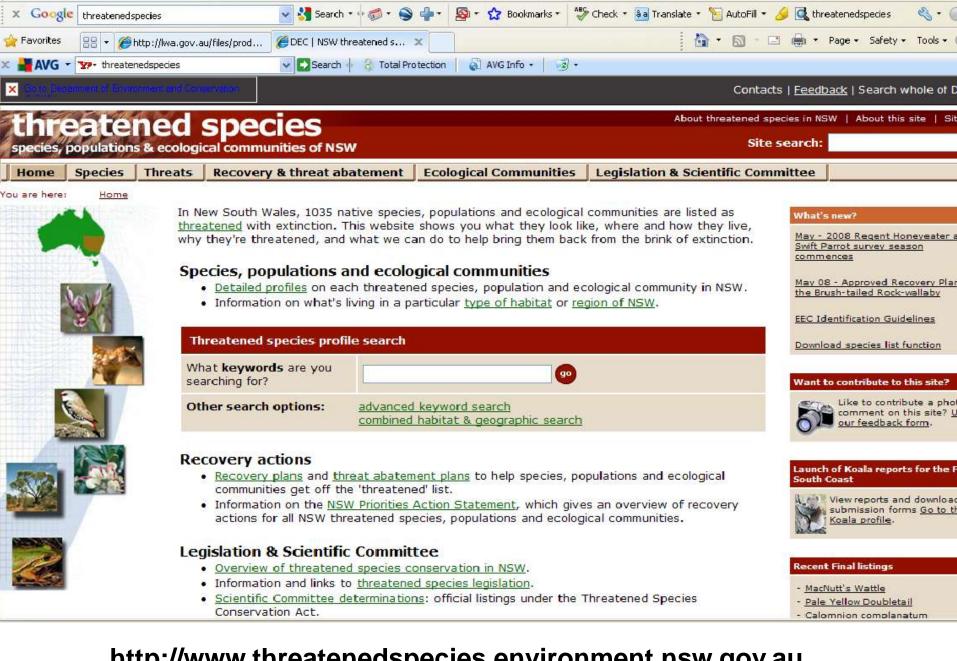


Tussock grasses provide:





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Landscape requirements for a Brush-tailed Phascogale

Minimum patch	>100 ha	Eat a variety of	Threat - If the
size (threshold)		insects as well	number of
Critical distance	10 km	as other small	hollows is
between patches		mammals such	limited there is a
Dispersal	1.4 km	as mice. Can	higher likelihood
threshold		consume their	of parasites such
Vegetation Types	Grassy	own body weight	as mites and lice
	Woodlands,	in insects	being present.
	Grassy forest		
	BVT, Box		Photo by L Broome
	Ironbark		
Some other	Hollow earing		4
Requirements	mature rough		
	barked trees,		
	good ground		
	layer, fallen		
	timber and litter		

Landscape requirements for a Diamond Fire-tail

Minimum patch size (threshold)	>10 ha (not road sides)	As seed feeders they will play an important role in the distribution of seeds and germination of seeds.	Threat-loss of native tussock grasses
Critical distance between patches	<1 km		
Dispersal threshold	10 km		
Vegetation Types	Grassy Woodland Creek lines		
Some other Requirements	Seasonally mobile		

Planning for a Biodiverse Landscape

Look for simple solutions:

Do you have areas that are impractical to graze (too rocky, cropped a lot, isolated by a creek)?

Do you have laneways? Salt areas? Less productive areas?

Improve existing remnants -

- Aim for minimum 10 ha patch
- •Enlarge by infill planting to nearby trees and patches
- Expand and improve shape (limit edge)
- •Then consider adding other habitat elements (fallen logs, different grasses, wattles etc) and
- Graze sympathetically

Avoid dead-ends – corridors that don't end at a remnant or habitat patch

Try and increase structural complexity at both a paddock and farm scale.

Have patchiness in grazing systems – whatever your normal grazing regime (set-stocked, rotational, high density short duration) consider changing it in small areas, or whole paddocks, or in different seasons. Some animals and plants like more bare areas while others like dense tall tussocks.

Have clumps and thickets of shrubs and trees

