



Wet and Wild



Wonderful Wet & Wild Wetlands

2020, Week 2 – Clues Barmah Forest, Victoria

Superb parrot (*Polytelis swainsonii*)

1. I am not a waterbird but I depend on the wetland.
8. The male of my species is bright green with a yellow face and a red/orange band across the throat. Females are a dull green with dull markings.
10. I nest in tree hollows in old, mature River red gums.
18. I feed on grass seed, fruits, berries, nectar, buds, eucalypt flowers and grain.
19. I am one of 7 threatened species which live in this wetland.
24. Barmah Forest is one of the known breeding sites of these birds.

Mueller daisy, Claypan daisy (*Brachyscome muelleroides*)

2. I am a white flower with a yellow centre.
3. I am listed as Threatened flora under the Victorian Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988.
7. I am a small annual herb found only in the mid-Murray and Murrumbidgee Rivers region in NSW and Victoria.
9. I grow in seasonally wet shallow depressions around the margins of swamps, lagoons and claypans.
12. Threats to my species include weed invasion, grazing by stock and humans have changed the flooding regimes.
13. I am a native flora species which depends on the wetlands.

Silver perch (*Bidyanus bidyanus*)

4. I am a native fish species.
6. I prefer to live in turbid (muddy) and slow flowing rivers.
11. I eat both large aquatic prey and plant material.
17. I live in streams and creeks within Barmah Forest.
20. My body is oval shaped and I have a white belly with dark green/grey/silver back.
23. I am usually 30-40 cm long and weigh 0.5-1.5 kg, but have been recorded up to 8 kg.

Common spadefoot toad (*Neobatrachus sudelli*) or Mallee spadefoot toad (*N. pictus*)

5. As an adult, I can be found in dry habitats, including woodlands and grassland areas, disturbed areas, beneath soil, rocks and fallen timber.
14. I am usually 30-60mm and have webbed feet which help with swimming.
15. I am a frog, although my name suggests otherwise.
16. I burrow into the ground. Part of my common name relates to this.
21. I remain buried for much of the time, becoming active after rains.
22. I can have up to 1,000 eggs which are laid in the water. The eggs are contained within long strands of jelly.