

TREVALLYN STATE RESERVE

The Launceston Environment Centre and Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife service formed a partnership to improve community knowledge about this significant reserve, located in Launceston's backyard. The Reserve covers an area of 440 hectares within 5km from the centre of Launceston. Its boundary's are Lake Trevallyn on the west and the South Esk River on the southwest and southeast. Reatta Road and private property forms part of the north and eastern side and, the reserve shares a boarder with Cataract Reserve. Parks and Wildlife Service (DPIWE) have managed the reserve since 1980, and allowed much of the once grazed land to regenerate.

Several different vegetation types occur in the reserve. The most extensive is the dry sclerophyll forest dominated by Black Pepermint Eucalyptus amygdalina, White Gum E. viminalis and Silver Wattle Acacia dealbata with an understorey of Sagg, Lomandra longifolia, Brackern Fern Pteridium esulentum and native and introduced grasses.

Ornithologist Sarah Lloyd was contracted to conduct an audit of bird life at the Trevallyn State Reserve. Her study, based on fieldwork undertaken by Ratowsky in 1991/1992 identified 25 Non-Passerines and 39 Passerine species.

It also identified 5 species of skinks, and 3 species of butterflies, whilst evidence of mammals was also found this included, Eastern Quoll *Dasyurus viverrinus* and Red-Necked Wallaby, *Thylogale thetis* and Echidna *Tachyglossus aculeatus*.

Other survey work being carried out is a mammal census conducted by Steve Cronin, this was undertaken using a non-invasive trapping technique. Other research being carried out in the reserve includes vegetation and weed mapping and invertebrate trapping. This information will provide us with a clearer picture of this significant area.

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