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The Capital Woodland and Wetlands Conservation Trust is a not-for-profit charity, established to support the Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary to provide a rich and diverse environment for current and future generations. We work in partnership with the ACT Parks and Conservation Service.

We raise funds for a range of projects, so Mulligans Flat will become an outstanding location for nature conservation, ecological research, innovative management, education and nature-based recreation.

Help us to return the Bush Stone-curlew to our landscape.

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Look out for Curlews



Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary

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Bringing back curlews

Our aim is to establish a wild, self-sustaining population of Bush Stone-curlews in the Capital Region. We are starting at Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary, a protected, predator free area.

This project is unique in a conservation reserve adjacent to a large urban centre. Reintroductions elsewhere, such as in southern and far western NSW, have been on rural lands or in remote conservation reserves. Living on the urban edge may present some challenges for our curlews.

The first group of birds will have leg bands so individuals can be recognised. The survival and movement of these birds will be monitored in an ongoing research program.

We aim to increase our understanding of these birds, improve future reintroductions and monitoring methods, contribute to woodland restoration, and highlight to the wider community the plight of this iconic woodland species.

Through this project, we aim to promote the conservation values of the Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary and its national importance for endangered species conservation.

Why Bush Stone-curlews

Bush Stone-curlews have been locally extinct for nearly half a century. They are an endangered species in NSW.

Bush Stone-curlews are large, ground living birds, which rest amongst tussock grass, leaf litter, logs or fallen timber during the day. At night they come out to feed.

The birds eat large insects, spiders, snails and small animals like frogs and lizards, as well as seeds and small fruits which they find amongst grass, leaf litter and logs.

Masters of camouflage, they can be difficult to detect during the day, and are more often heard than seen. If threatened, they will often crouch down on the ground, hoping to blend into the surroundings and not be seen.

The birds have an eerie, high pitched, far-carrying call which they commonly make at night, often likened to someone screaming or wailing.

Once found across much of Australia in lowland open woodland, they have declined in the south-east.



Being eaten by introduced predators as well as clearing of habitat are reasons for their decline.

They lay eggs in a scrape on the ground which means chicks and eggs are easily taken by foxes, feral cats, and roaming domestic dogs and cats.



How you can help

The local community can be guardians of our Bush Stone-curlews.

Although shy by nature, the birds are free flying and may wander outside the Sanctuary, onto road verges or grassed areas to look for food. They may again one day hunt insects at night around street lights or forage on lawns.

You can help us look after our Bush Stone-curlews:

- If you see Bush Stone-curlews, don't approach or chase them, but do report sightings
- Be a responsible pet owner – keep your dog in your yard or on a leash when exercising them
- Keep your cat indoors (especially at night) or contained in a pet enclosure in your yard
- If you live in cat containment suburbs such as Forde, Bonner and Throsby, obey the law and keep cats in

- Be watchful at night when driving on roads near the Sanctuary and reserves
- Join the Friends of Mulligans Flat to volunteer your time
- Be part of the regular community surveys for the Bush Stone-curlew to help bring birds back
- If you see an injured curlew call us or ACT Parks and Conservation Service (Tel: 13 22 81)
- Make a donation
- Become a 'bettong buddy' to keep informed.