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Yeramba Lagoon Loop Track

The 1.8km loop track circles the lagoon, passing through diverse bushland and providing impressive views over the water. Leaving from the car park off Henry Lawson Drive, the track heads east around the lagoon. Basic track markers are located along the track to guide you.

Track details

Distance: approx. 1.8km
 Time suggested: 1 hour
 Grade: medium difficulty

Important tips for planning your visit

Parking is available at Yeramba Lagoon on weekends from 9am – 5pm.

No toilets or drinking water facilities are available at Yeramba Lagoon. The nearest facilities in the Georges River National Park are at Fitzpatrick Park across the road and Burrawang Reach picnic area.



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Yeramba Lagoon

Georges River National Park

Yeramba Lagoon is an important site in the Georges River National Park in south-western Sydney.

Visit Yeramba Lagoon to:

- enjoy the diverse bushland of south-western Sydney
- walk the Yeramba Lagoon Loop Track
- discover an abundance of bird life



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History of Yeramba Lagoon

The Dharug and Dharawal people were the original inhabitants of the area. Evidence of their lifestyle is present throughout the Georges River National Park, including shell middens, caves, art and engravings.

The Georges River was an important transport route for Aboriginal people from Botany Bay to the inland areas, and it continued to play an important transport role following European settlement. The bushland and river banks surrounding Yeramba Lagoon were a popular tourist destination for pleasure seekers from all over Sydney in the 1920s.

In 1992, the Georges River National Park was created to manage and protect Yeramba Lagoon and other foreshore bushland along the Georges River.

Yeramba Lagoon was previously an estuarine ecosystem, similar to that found downstream at Little Salt Pan Creek. Today the Lagoon is a freshwater wetland cut off from the Georges River by a weir. The site is important to the local community and provides habitat for a wide range of flora and fauna.



Brush-tail Possum (*Trichosurus vulpecula*)
Photo: B. Crombie / DECCW



Blue-tongue Lizard (*Tiliqua scincoides*)
Photo: BCC

Fauna of Yeramba Lagoon

Walking along the track you may glimpse an Echidna or see a Brush-tailed Possum in a tree hollow in the evening. You may also hear Swamp Wallabies near dawn or dusk as they are startled from their resting places. Look for their tracks on walking trails.

A variety of reptiles including the Long-necked Turtle, Bearded Dragon, Yellow-faced Whip Snake and Red-bellied Black Snake can be found in and around the Lagoon.



White-faced Heron (*Egretta novaehollandiae*) Photo: BCC

A bird haven

Yeramba Lagoon is a well known bird watching site. Over 100 bird species have been observed at the lagoon, including Pink Robins and Powerful Owls, both of which are endangered.

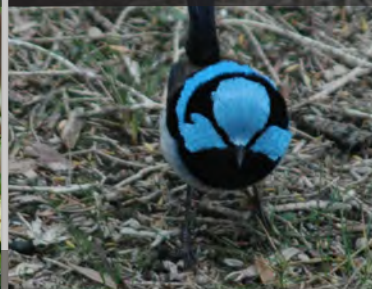
Other species include:

- Chestnut Teal
- Dusky Moorhen
- Little Pied Cormorant
- White-faced Heron
- Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo
- Crimson Rosella
- Laughing Kookaburra
- Yellow-faced Honeyeater
- Galah
- Grey Fantail
- Superb Fairy-wren
- Australian Wood Duck
- Black Swan
- Royal Spoonbill
- Australasian Grebe
- Eastern Rosella
- Rainbow Lorikeet
- Red Wattlebird
- Pied Currawong
- New Holland Honeyeater
- Spotted Pardalote
- Eastern Yellow Robin

Rainbow Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus haematodus*)
Photo: J. Hore / BCC



Male Superb Fairy-wren (*Malurus cyaneus*)
Photo: K. Ross



Bushland of Yeramba Lagoon

There is a great diversity of plant life surrounding the lagoon, from impressive displays of Banksia flowers to tiny orchids.

The southern end of the lagoon is surrounded by **Western Sandstone Gully Forest**, dominated by the twisting Smooth-barked Apples (*Angophora costata*). Other species include:

- *Corymbia gummifera*
- *Eucalyptus pilularis*
- *Ceratopetalum gummiferum*
- *Allocasuarina littoralis*
- *Acacia terminalis*
- *Banksia spinulosa*

The **Upper Georges River Sandstone Woodland** community is dominated by the koala's favourite tree, *Eucalyptus punctata* and has a very diverse shrub layer. Other species include:

- *Eucalyptus amplifolia*
- *Eucalyptus tereticornis*
- *Acacia parramattensis*
- *Bursaria spinosa*
- *Oplismenus aemulus*

Along the drainage lines running down to the lagoon the vegetation changes to **Alluvial Woodland**. This vegetation type is Endangered and protected under legislation. Species include:

- *Eucalyptus robusta*
- *Corymbia gummifera*
- *Allocasuarina littoralis*
- *Acacia ulicifolia*
- *Leptospermum trinervium*

Angophora costata
Photo: BCC



Banksia spinulosa
Photo: K. Godfrey / BCC

