

RESCUE MISSION for OBPs & Friends

The Orange-bellied Parrot is close to extinction with less than 20 wild birds. Without federal government funding this species will become extinct in the wild. Very soon.

Federal government funding for OBPs finished last June

Over the last six years there has been a major decrease in funds for the environment from the Australian Government¹. While the Tasmanian and Victorian Governments have committed over \$3 million over the next four years to the Orange-bellied Parrot, the Australian Government stopped funding last June. Critical actions for the OBP are not happening because of this.



For OBPs to survive an extra \$1 million p.a. for 5 years is needed²:

1. To increase reproductive success

Support research and field activities by ANU Difficult Bird Research Group (currently donating their time) and Tasmanian Government DPIWPE to increase reproductive success at Melaleuca including intensive nest monitoring to understand causes of success.

2. To increase food availability in SW Tas with timely burning program

OBPs rely on recently burnt moorlands for food and there has been no recent burn at the only breeding area. A shortage of wild food is linked to nest failure.

3. To establish new breeding sites

Release of Orange-bellied Parrots at new sites where food is available (i.e. areas recently burnt) and monitor nests to maximize breeding success.

The Orange-bellied Parrot is not the only threatened species

There are 1700 nationally listed threatened species. Threats to species and their habitats include land clearing, invasive species, fragmentation (islands of bush in cleared landscape) and climate change.

There are solutions:

1. Increase funding from the Australian Government for threatened species from \$80 million per year to \$250 million per year¹. This increase to be part of a new Fund for Nature of \$2 billion per year.
2. Pass stronger national environmental laws with the Australian Government taking full responsibility for the natural environment³.

PLEASE.....

1. Mail this leaflet to the Prime Minister

Add a short personal note. C/- Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600. Even better send your own letter/email with the request for funding and stronger environmental laws: www.pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm. Copy to your House of Reps MP (see below) and ask for their support.

2. Make a donation - all are tax deductible*

ANU Difficult Bird Research Group (currently donating their time):

<https://www.difficultbirds.com/#donation>

Wildcare Tasmania/Friends of the Orange-bellied Parrot:

<http://wildcaretas.org.au/product/obpfund/>

<https://www.gofundme.com/orangebelliedparrot> (*not tax deductible)

Birdlife Australia:

<https://support.birdlife.org.au/donate> (dropdown menu: OBP)

Your 13 federal MPs: c/- Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600

Senators: email - senator.<surname>@aph.gov.au

Greens: Richard Di Natale, Janet Rice

Labor: Kim Carr, Jacinta Collins, Kimberley Kitching, Gavin Marshall

Liberal: Mitch Fifield, Jane Hume, James Paterson, Scott Ryan

National: Bridget McKenzie

Other: Derryn Hinch

House of Reps: Search: Members and Senators, Australia. Then your p/code.

Further information and to stay in touch

Save the Orange-bellied Parrot Facebook

Orange-bellied Parrot Tasmania Program Tas. Government Facebook

DELWP BarwonSouthWest Victorian Government Facebook

Zoos Victoria www.zoo.org.au **Moonlit Sanctuary** moonlitsanctuary.com.au

(Note 1) ACF/WWF 2018/19 Pre-budget Sub.: www.acf.org.au/submissions

(Note 2) Further knowledge and urgent action required to save

Orange-bellied Parrots from extinction: *Emu – Austral Ornithology.*

Nov. 2017. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01584197.2017.1394165>.

(Note 3) Places You Love www.placesyoulove.org

Guardian Australia: www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/feb/02/miners-receive-twice-as-much-in-tax-credits-as-australia-spends-on-environment

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