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NATIVE DOG SWAMP: Where Cattle Droving and Bird Watching Meet

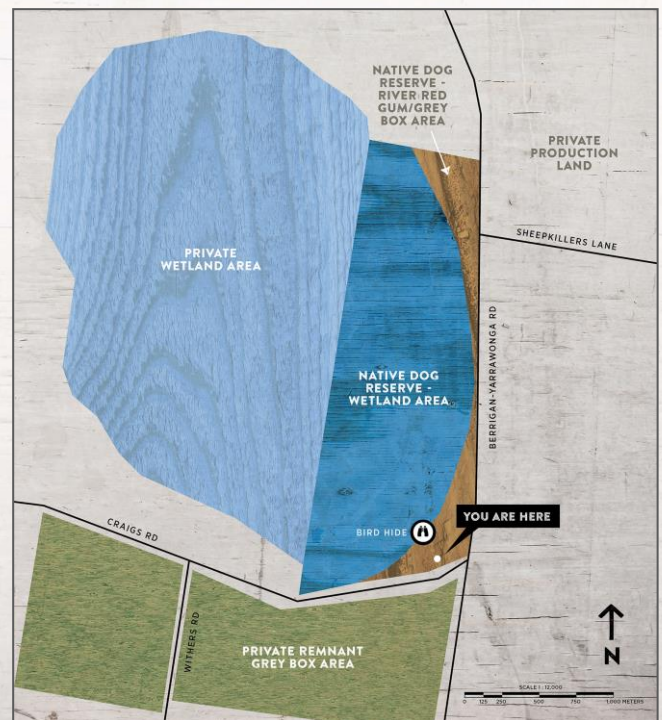
Native Dog Swamp Reserve is 178 ha in area, of which 55 ha are managed as an active Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR). The remaining area is private land. Historically used for droving and feeding stock during drought, Native Dog Swamp is currently being managed to improve the capacity of the wetland to store carbon, improve biodiversity and encourage the public to visit and enjoy the Reserve.

This site is part of the Murray Wetland Carbon Storage project - a partnership between Murray Local Land Services (LLS) and the Murray Darling Wetlands Working Group Ltd. (MDWWG), funded by the Australian Government.

The project aims to increase wetland soil carbon retention through improved management, landholder partnerships and an array of rehabilitation practices.

Activities carried out at Native Dog Swamp include: planting of mixed local riparian and terrestrial vegetation; fencing to aid in grazing management; prescribed cool (low intensity) burns every seven to ten years to assist with weed control; walking paths, interpretive signage, the construction of a car-park and an all-weather bird hide.

This site will also help in the progression of agricultural and environmental research through survey work carried out on the soils and vegetation located within Native Dog Swamp.



Native Dog Swamp Travelling Stock Reserve Site Map



Flora & Fauna at Native Dog Swamp

Native Dog Swamp is a shallow marshy wetland that provides a home for a number of animal (fauna) and plant (flora) species, including:

Frogs

- Giant Banjo frog (*Limnodynastes interioris*)
- Barking Marsh frog (*Limnodynastes fletcheri*)
- Spotted Marsh frog (*Limnodynastes tasmaniensis*)

Wetland Birds

- Freckled Duck (*Stictonetta naevosa*)
- White-necked Heron (*Ardea pacifica*)
- Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)

Woodland Birds

- Red-capped Robin (*Petroica goodenovii*)
- Brown Treecreeper (*Climacteris picumnus*)
- Grey-crowned Babbler (*Pomatostomus temporalis*)



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The bird hide is located in the south-eastern of the TSR. The bird hide allows visitors to view the many waterbirds and woodland birds that use the area. You can also listen for frogs that spend some of their time in the wetland and woodland area of Native Dog Swamp. Bird and frog identification signage is displayed in the bird hide to help visitors know what to look for.



Birdhide constructed at Native Dog Swamp

More information

For information and updates on Native Dog Swamp Reserve, please visit Riverspace:

<http://www.riverspace.com.au/item/native-dog-swamp-where-cattle-droving-and-bird-watching-meet/>

For further information on the project, please visit the following websites:

www.murray.lls.nsw.gov.au

www.murraydarlingwetlands.com.au

Or contact:

Murray Local Land Services on 1300 795 299

Sources

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