

Endangered Species - Australasian Bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*)



The Australasian Bittern is a large, stocky, thick-necked heron which mostly occur singly or in pairs, usually within beds of reeds, rushes or sedges in freshwater wetlands. With its cryptic plumage, it is heard more often than it is seen.

During the breeding season of October to January, males utter a distinctive, resonant booming call, repeated several times in succession, calling most frequently at dusk and dawn. The eerie call of the Australasian Bittern is said to have been the origin of the myth of the Bunyip.

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RGA & Birdlife Australia are undertaking a project to determine how the Australasian Bittern utilises rice crops and to raise awareness of the distribution of this unique and threatened species.

Evening BBQ & Bittern Sighting Tour

Three Locations 6 – 8pm

Guest Speaker, renowned Ecologist, Matt Herring

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| Coleambally | Tuesday 27 November
RSVP Mark Robb 6954 4003 |
| Leeton | Thursday 29 November
RSVP Daryl Gibbs 0429 982 507 |
| Griffith | Friday 30 November (Barren Box)
RSVP Karen McCann 0428 660 866 |

FREE BBQ and bus provided: Please RSVP by Thursday 22 November for catering purposes

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