

Polly Tell Us, the Regent Parrot Register on



Quick-guide for field observation entry

Polly Tell Us, the Regent Parrot Register, is designed to allow sightings of the vulnerable Regent Parrot (Eastern subspecies), *Polytelis anthopeplus monarchoides*, and observations of their activities to be recorded and the Recovery Team alerted.

You will need to record the date, time and location and preferably take a photo of your observation. The simplest way to do this is through the app, but is also possible through the website. The observations of most interest to the recovery team are; flying over, feedings, roosting, nesting and even dead ones. You can choose to allow your email address to be shared with the Recovery team ecologist to follow up on your observations.

How to Begin

The Polly Tell Us portal for observations can be accessed directly through the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) **BioCollect website** <https://biocollect.ala.org.au/acsa/project/index/06b823b6-f259-4e80-9441-84e7c68cc09d>

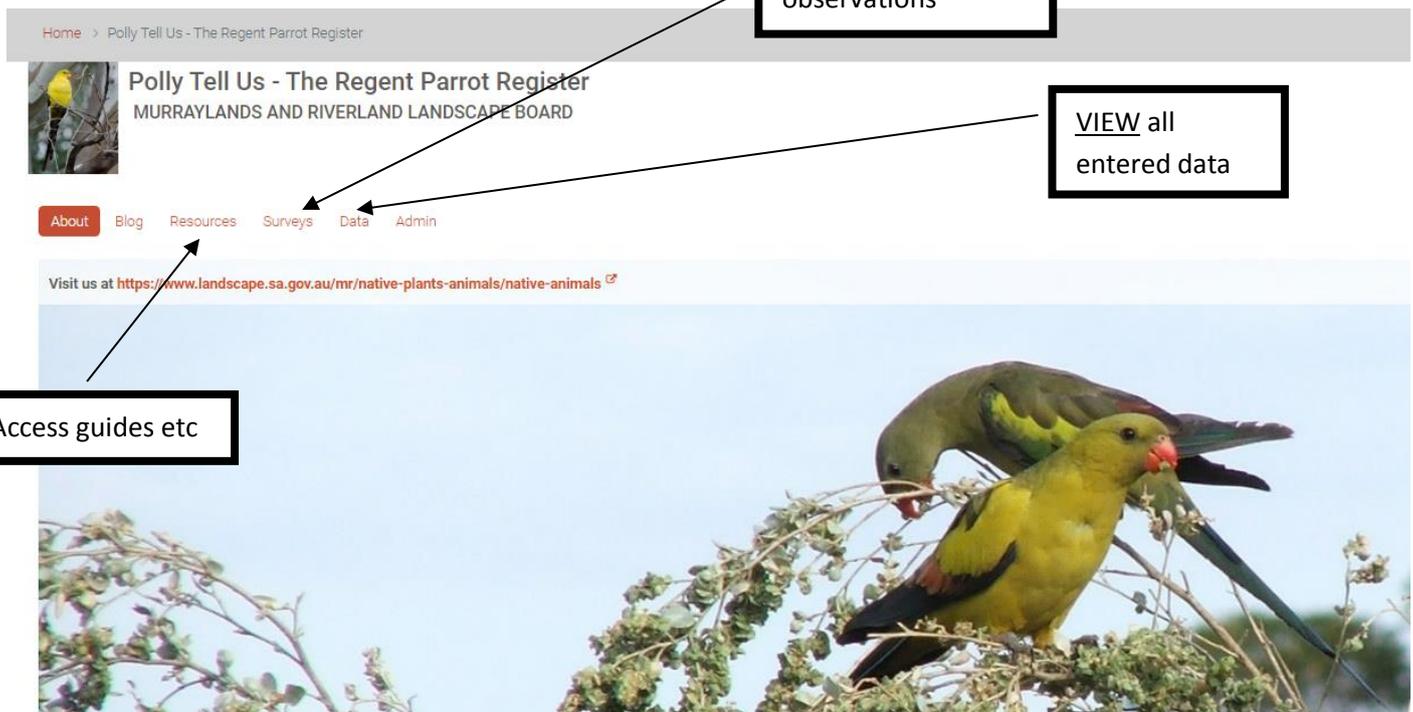
We recommend using Chrome to access the website.

On this web page you can add your observations and also access resources such as the most up to date version of this guide and the datasheet to download.

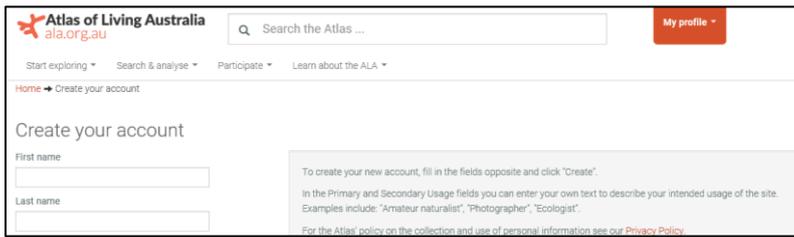
Access the Polly Tell Us survey to ADD observations

VIEW all entered data

Access guides etc



Alternatively you can add observations through the **BioCollect app** (by downloading the BioCollect app for iPhone or Android onto your phone or tablet) .



The screenshot shows the 'Create your account' page on the Atlas of Living Australia website. The page header includes the logo 'Atlas of Living Australia ala.org.au', a search bar, and a 'My profile' button. Below the header, there are navigation links: 'Start exploring', 'Search & analyse', 'Participate', and 'Learn about the ALA'. The main content area is titled 'Create your account' and features two input fields for 'First name' and 'Last name'. To the right of these fields, there is a text box with instructions: 'To create your new account, fill in the fields opposite and click "Create". In the Primary and Secondary Usage fields you can enter your own text to describe your intended usage of the site. Examples include: "Amateur naturalist", "Photographer", "Ecologist". For the Atlas' policy on the collection and use of personal information see our [Privacy Policy](#).' The page also includes a 'Home' link and a 'Create your account' link.

To enter your observations through the website or app you will first need to register through the Atlas of Living Australia and then activate the account through your email to complete the registration process.

<https://auth.ala.org.au/userdetails/registration/createAccount>

You will need to search for the project survey the first time you use the app. For an iPhone: Search '**Polly**' under the 'Projects' tab. For an Android phone: select "All Projects" then click the magnifying glass icon to search for '**Polly**'. Anyone with an ALA login can input data to the Polly Tell Us register. Once you have entered data into the portal once you will become a 'member' of the survey and it will become listed under 'My projects' when you next log in.

How to use the Polly Tell Us Website & App

to record your observations

Website:

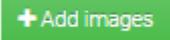
Once you have entered the **surveys** section on the front page you will need to

Add a record

*The fields marked with a red star are mandatory and you will not be able to submit your data if any are missing.

? The black question marks provide information about what is required in each data field if you hover over them.

DATA FIELD	DATA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS - HINTS & TIPS - WEBSITE
*Date	Date of observation (this will be today's date but change it if the observation was in the past)
*Time	Time of day you made the observation
*Observer	Your name will be pre-filled, but if someone else sighted the bird(s) please add their name
*What is your level of bird expertise?	Select from the drop down options
*Observation accuracy (metres)	Approximate the distance between you and the bird you have observed. This along with photos you supply can help with verifying your observation.
Habitat type	Select an option from the list that best matches the habitat you saw the bird in.
If horticultural area, please provide detail on the crop type (if known)	If you know the crop type, please add in here
*Location	<p>There are 4 ways to enter a location:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You can use the location services of your device if you are using the app and are standing at the site of the observation and you have location services switched on (recommended). You can do this by using the arrow button  on the map. 2. You can zoom in and drop the pin  on the map. 3. If you add a photo of your observation taken with a phone or a camera that allows geotagging/ recording of location data, into any section before you select your location on the map, it will automatically update the location section with the GPS information stored with the photo. 4. As a last resort you can add your location by entering GPS coordinates in BioCollect (WGS84) through the app or website, if you do this, check that the point displayed on the map matches the location of your observation to ensure you have entered the correct coordinates.

DATA FIELD	DATA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS - HINTS & TIPS - WEBSITE
Accuracy (metres)	If you used your phone or a GPS to record your location it should be accurate to within 10m. If you used the map and you think it may be a bit out please estimate the accuracy.
Additional site notes	You can add anything else you think may be of interest about the site.
Temperature	Approximate temperature experienced at time of observation.
Species – Number recorded	How many regent parrots (<i>Polytelis anthopeplus monarchoides</i>) did you observe?
Comments	Add in any other comments about the birds. Eg. How many were male or female or juvenile?
Activity recorded	Tick all that apply to the bird(s) you observed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Flying ▪ Roosting (in a tree) ▪ Feeding ▪ Nesting ▪ Dead
If seen feeding, what were they feeding on?	Please describe what they are feeding on if you can
Image	<p>Please supply a photo to go with your record if you can. This will help with verifying that your identification is correct and may also provide additional information.</p> <p></p> <p>Add images allows you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Take a photo ▪ Access your photo library ▪ Or browse for the image <p>Or you can 'drop' an image in.</p>
Do you give the Atlas of Living Australia permission to share your contact details with SA Department for Environment and Water to follow up your record?	<p>Yes or No</p> <p>If you allow sharing of your email address, we can contact you if we need further information and to let you know how your observation was used by researchers or rangers.</p>

Then click on the submit button at the bottom. All done!

Website screen shots



Polly Tell Us - The Regent Parrot Register
MURRAYLANDS AND RIVERLAND LANDSCAPE BOARD

PROJECT
ONGOING
Start date: 22 December, 2020

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The eastern sub-species of the Regent Parrot, *Polytelis anthopeplus monarchoides*, is a threatened species found in an area overlapping the junction of SA, Victoria and NSW borders. They nest in River Red Gum woodlands along the River Murray and outside of the breeding season disperse into the surrounding mallee. Any information on their whereabouts, whether roosting or flying over, what type of habitat they are in and what they are eating, is valuable and will help with recovery efforts.

Status: Active, In progress

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SURVEY
ONGOING
Start Date: 22
December,
2020

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Event details

Date*

Time*

Observer*

What is your level of bird ID expertise at this site?*

Observation accuracy*

Location details

Habitat type

If horticultural area, please provide detail on the crop type (if known)

Location* 

[+ Add coordinates manually](#)

Accuracy (metres)

Additional site notes

Temperature*

Sighting details

Species

Number observed

Comments

Activity recorded (tick all that apply)

- Flying
- Roosting
- Feeding
- Nesting
- Dead

If seen feeding, what were they feeding on?

Image

Or, drop images here

Do you give Atlas of Living Australia permission to share your contact details with the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Threatened Fauna Ecologist to follow up your record if needed?*

By submitting you are agreeing with the [Terms of Use](#).

[Submit](#) [Cancel](#)

App:

Once you have found the Polly Tell Us project in BioCollect and logged in you can submit your observations. The questions are the same as on the website but some look slightly different.

Starting the survey

1. Click on red cross **+** to add an observation
2. Then tap on the name of the portal when it appears (it not be green on Android app) to access the survey form



Date, time, name

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Event details

Date*

Time*

Observer ? *

What is your level of bird ID expertise at this site?

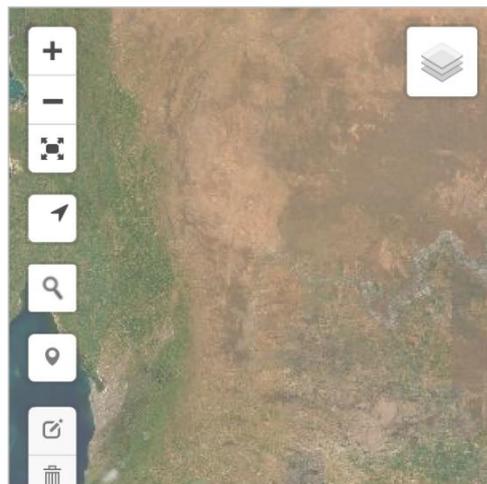
? *

Observation accuracy ? *

Habitat type ?

If horticultural area, please provide detail on the crop type (if known)

Location *



Habitat type and entering the location.

More information on entering locations below.

Observation distance, site notes and temperature

[+ Add coordinates manually](#)

Accuracy (metres)

10

Additional site notes

Temperature ⓘ *

Please select

Number observed and activity

Sighting details

Species

Polytelis anthopeplus monarchoides



Number observed

0

Comments

Activity recorded (tick all that apply)

Flying

Roosting

Feeding

Nesting

Dead

If seen feeding, what were they feeding on?

Image ⓘ

[+ Add images](#)

Or, drop images here

Adding feeding observations and any photos you have for extra information and verification

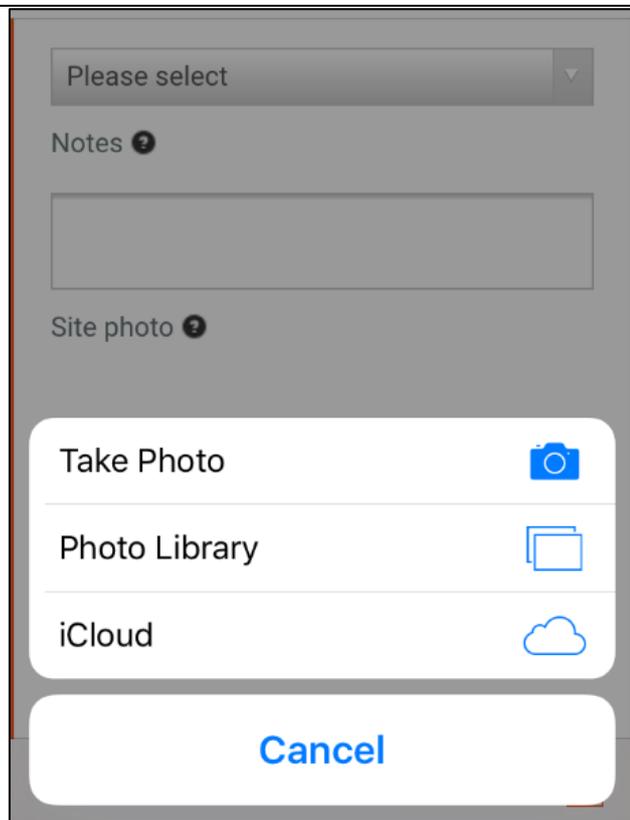
Adding photos

We recommend providing photos of your observations

In the app you can use the camera in your phone to add the site photo or access a photo from your photo folders on your phone or computer. We recommend taking the photo first with your phone rather than taking it while in the app so that you have a copy of it later if needed.

Click on add files: Options to access your photo gallery or to use the camera to take a photo should display.

If the photo section does not work for any reason please take a photo with your phone after completing the other questions and add this to the rest of your information later by editing your entry through the BioCollect website.



Sharing your contact details with the project for follow up

Do you give Atlas of Living Australia permission to share your contact details with the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Threatened Fauna Ecologist to follow up your record if needed?*

Please select

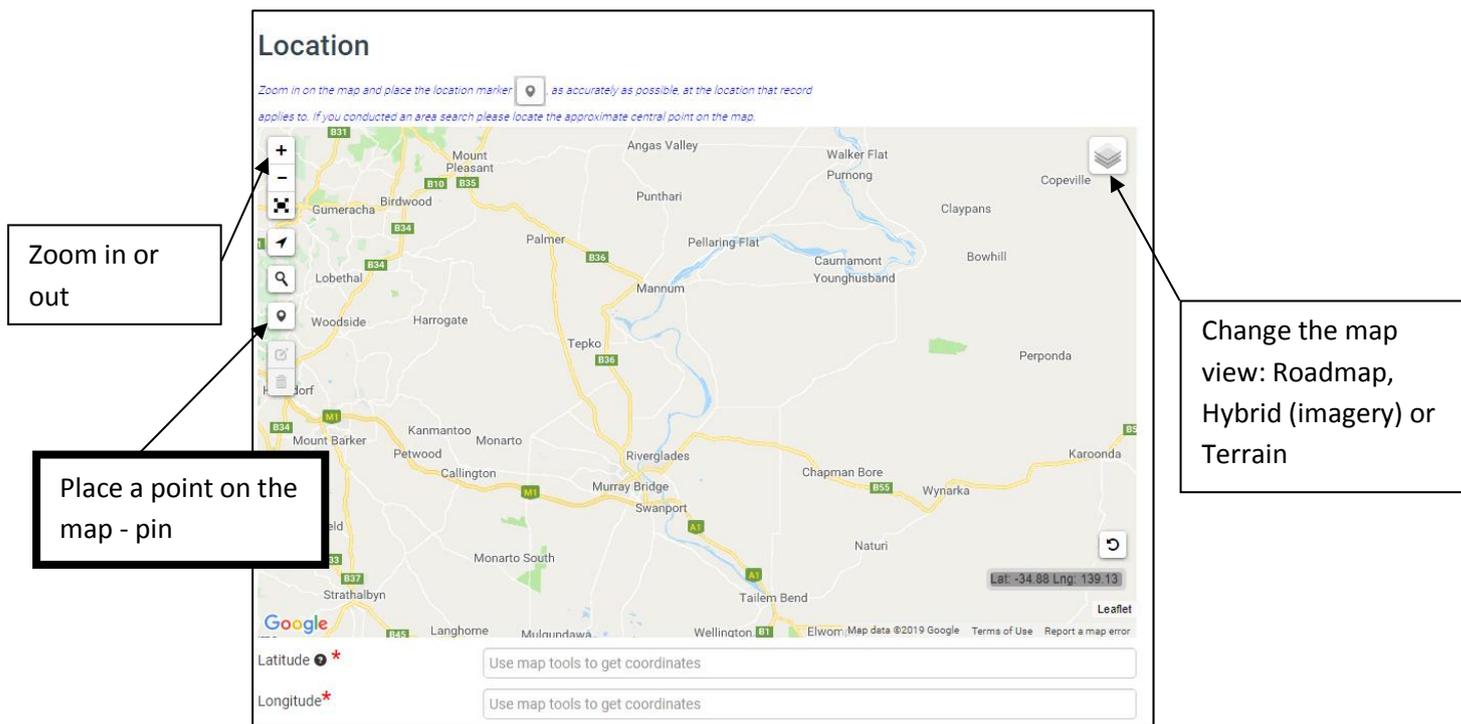
**Then click on the submit button at the bottom.
All done!**

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Submit

How to use the Location function

Website



You can also manually enter coordinates if you have them.

App

The best option in the field is to use the arrow button  to insert your current location if you have allowed the app access to your location.

If you are using the **app offline** the map tile will not show but you can add the location in later when you are back in range (but don't use the 'use my location' arrow when you do this – choose the pin ).

