

# HELP TARONGA PROTECT THE REGENT HONEYEATER



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# THE REGENT HONEYEATER

The Regent Honeyeater is a critically endangered Australian bird that was once common in large flocks across south-eastern Australia but is now rare and found only in scattered areas of forest and woodland. These birds are known for their soft, flute-like calls and unusual ability to mimic other birds. The species is important for pollinating native plants. Its population has declined significantly. Taronga has worked for over 30 years to breed and release birds into the wild and restore habitat, helping support the species' survival.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Regent Honeyeater lives mainly in box-ironbark forests and feeds mostly on nectar from eucalyptus trees, mistletoes as well as insects.



## WHY IS THE REGENT HONEYEATER IMPORTANT?

- It helps keep native forests healthy by pollinating eucalyptus trees when it feeds on nectar.
- It is a 'flagship species' for conservation in the threatened box-ironbark forests of NSW and VIC. Protecting the Regent Honeyeater helps protect the whole woodland habitat and other native animals that rely on it.
- Losing the Regent Honeyeater effects the wider environment.



## DID YOU KNOW?

There are only 250-300 Regent Honeyeaters left in the wild.

# WHAT IS TARONGA DOING TO SAVE THE REGENT HONEYEATER FROM EXTINCTION?

- In 1995, Taronga established a breed-for-release program as part of a long term recovery effort to save the species from extinction.
- The program has successfully bred over 1000 Regent Honeyeaters and released them into the wild population.
- Each year many Taronga staff volunteer their time to plant saplings in the key area of the Capertee Valley, restoring the bird's habitat. Over 30,000 trees have been planted so far.
- While Taronga leads the breeding and release work, the recovery program is a large partnership with government, conservation organisations, researchers and local communities.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Regent Honeyeater is nomadic, it moves from place to place, following the flowering of their preferred trees.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Your fundraising contribution will go a long way in supporting Taronga's mission to take the Regent Honeyeater off the critically endangered list.



## FUNDRAISING TIPS AND TRICKS

- Personalise your fundraising page.
- Share your story and your passion of wildlife conservation.
- Tell your supporters what you are doing, why you are fundraising for Taronga and what you are hoping to achieve.
- Donate to your own page to show friends you are committed to the cause and want them to be too.
- Have a goal and share it - setting a fundraising goal keeps you motivated, lets your supporters know what you want to achieve and that you need their support to do this! Plus, there's awesome prizes to win\*!

\*T&Cs apply

- Spread the word – Tell everyone about your efforts to save the Regent Honeyeater.
- Share the link to your Great Guides Sleepover fundraising page and ask your friends to share your page as well. People are more likely to give to you when you tell them personally what you are doing to protect wildlife!
- Hold your own event – bake sales, raffles or hosting a movie night with your friends in return for a small donation are all great ways to get people involved.
- Thank your donors – A simple thank you can go a long way. Let your supporters know that their donation has been received and is greatly appreciated.



# FUNDRAISING PRIZES



**\$50:** A Taronga plush toy

**\$150:** A Taronga plush toy plus 2 x tickets valid for either Taronga location

**\$250:** A Taronga plush toy, 1 x Taronga cap, 1 x pair of socks plus 2 x tickets valid for either Taronga location

**\$500:** A Taronga plush toy, 1 x animal encounter plus 1 x family entry pass for either Taronga location

**Highest individual fundraiser over \$1200:** 1 x Taronga plush toy and 1 x Roar and Snore experience (Sydney) or Savannah Cabins (Dubbo) one night stay for up to four individuals

**Highest fundraising unit:** exclusive animal experience valid for up to 10 individuals at either Taronga location