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National Threatened Species Day – Wednesday 7th September 2022



Image: Powerful Owl by Graeme Fletcher

National Threatened Species Day on Wednesday 7 September is the perfect opportunity to raise awareness of **the powerful owl** and the continued human impact on this threatened species.

Did you know, powerful owls:

- nest in large hollow-bearing trees, the diameter at the base of a hollow needs to be at least 80cm to support breeding. That means the tree has to be over 100 years old!
- mate for life, breed in winter and have two young.
- use a roosting site to rest and sleep during the day, the site usually includes old blackwood trees, a creek and lots of bushland.
- are opportunistic predators and will commonly feed on possums, gliders and other birds.
- have a home range of up to 3,500 hectares. Check out this [video](#) which shows the movement of a female owl over a month - so important to keep remnant vegetation and connected corridors!

Cardinia Shire is home to a small population of powerful owls. Here are some ways you can help protect our local wildlife

- Retain hollow trees on your property, this includes dead trees with hollows:
 - smaller hollows mean *food* for powerful owls (possums, gliders and birds need hollows too)
 - large hollows mean breeding opportunities
- Retain native vegetation on your property
- Re-vegetate areas using indigenous plants
- Join a Landcare Group or a 'Friends' Group to help your local environment
 - www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/conservationgroups

For more information download our [garden for wildlife fact sheets](#)