



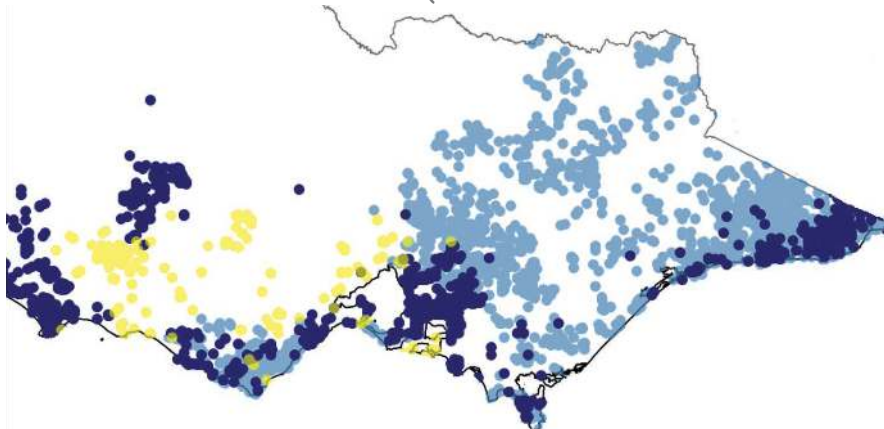
BANDICOOTS OF VICTORIA iNATURALIST PROJECT



Welcome to the Bandicoots of Victoria iNaturalist project. Thank you for helping us to monitor bandicoots across the state to determine where they are persisting and where they are struggling.

Bandicoots are small rabbit-sized marsupial with short front legs, longer back legs, a large, rounded rump, and a short tail. They live on the ground in grassy woodlands, forests, and in patches of vegetation on farms. They nest during the day under dense vegetation or debris for protection from predators (foxes, cats and dogs) and come out to forage at night in open areas, including roadsides where they are at risk from vehicle collisions.

Bandicoot locations across Victoria (historic and re-introduction areas)



● Southern Brown Bandicoot ● Long-nosed Bandicoot ● Eastern Barred Bandicoot

Types of Bandicoots in Victoria



Isoodon obesulus 115136663
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Southern Brown Bandicoots

Small rounded ears, consistent marled brown fur on the body and a creamy-white underbelly



Long-nosed Bandicoot (*Perameles nasuta*)
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Long-nosed Bandicoots

Sandy/grey-brown fur with light banding on the rump, long nose



Perameles gunnii, Eastern Barred Bandicoot
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Eastern Barred Bandicoots

Distinctive lighter banding on the rump. Extinct in the wild until recent releases from a captive breeding program


Getting started on iNaturalist

1. Download iNaturalist from the Google Play Store (Android) or App Store (iPhone). Or go to www.inaturalist.org
2. Create an iNaturalist account
3. Join the "Bandicoots of Victoria" project- www.inaturalist.org/projects/bandicoots-of-victoria


Go looking for bandicoots

You may already know you have bandicoots on your property, you may see bandicoots opportunistically in your neighbourhood, or you may choose to go and look for them.

Recording your bandicoot observations:

- Once you find one, try and get a photo. It is not essential, but it helps confirm your sighting
- Animals can be alive or dead. They can be spotted as roadkill
- Add an observation in iNaturalist. Observations can be recorded instantly if you have an internet connection, or you can add the observation in later - just be sure to make a note of where the observation was made so you can find the correct map location at a later time
- Link your observations to our "Bandicoots of Victoria" project by selecting it under  Projects when editing your observations

Making observations with your smart phone

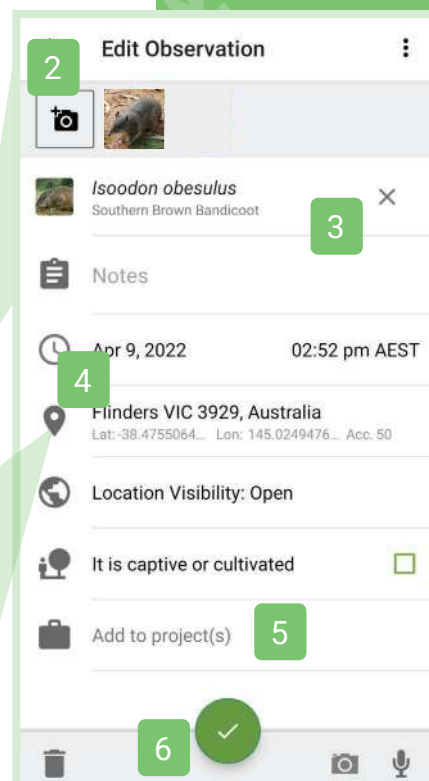
1. Tap "observe" or  button
2. Add one or more photos as evidence
3. Choose what animal you saw or heard
4. Check that the auto-fill details for when and where you saw it are correct
5. Share your observation/s with the "Bandicoots of Victoria" project
6. Save your observation



Roadside bandicoot
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Tips for where to see bandicoots:

- They prefer habitat with lots of low ground cover for shelter
- They can be in forests, woodland, edges of fields, around fallen logs or other structures that provide them with cover in open areas and along grassy roadsides
- Mostly spotted at night but can be seen during the day or at twilight



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For further help see www.inaturalist.org/pages/video+tutorials.

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