

Am I your BUSH Bud?

Macquarie Perch

About me:

An ambassador for the plight of native fish, the beautiful Macquarie Perch (lovingly referred to as the Macca) is nationally endangered, with only a handful of wild populations surviving in isolated and disconnected waterways. In the ACT, the Macquarie Perch is only found in the Murrumbidgee River, though even there it is rare.

Macca is a culturally significant fish to Indigenous, commercial, and recreational fishing alike. For over a hundred years, the Macquarie Perch has been at the forefront of community and conservationists' minds. Truly the ambassador for all native fish species that are in peril, protecting the Maccas would help to protect our waterway heritage and bring back precious memories.



Threats:

Once ubiquitous in the Murray-Darling Basin, the handful of wild Macquarie Perch populations are fighting for their survival. Since the 1950s, its habitat has declined due to agricultural and urban development, pollution, soil erosion and sedimentation, diseases, introduced species and climate change.

Become my Bush Bud!

Take a stand for Canberra's Nature and sign up to get the chance to walk with an expert in the habitat of the Macquarie Perch!

