

Am I your BUSH Bud?

Regent Honeyeater

About me:

This striking black and yellow bird was, at one time, less glamorously known as the 'Warty-faced Honeyeater' on account of the bumpy yellow skin around its eyes. More appropriately, today it's known as the Regent Honeyeater, in honour of its scalloped breast feathers and gorgeous yellow markings.

The gregarious Regent Honeyeater often moves in flocks, bobs its head when calling and performs gymnastics whilst feeding on nectar from eucalypts and mistletoes. In the ACT Region it can be found in Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands, but if you're willing to travel, you can find this bird in riparian she-oaks, Box-Ironbark Woodlands, and the Bangalay Woodlands on the NSW South Coast.

The Regent Honeyeater has become a 'flagship species' for conservation, as this stunner helps maintain healthy ecosystems by facilitating eucalyptus pollination.



Threats:

The Regent Honeyeater is critically endangered and ranked seventh of 20 birds most likely to go extinct.

The decline of the Regent Honeyeater is thought to be mainly due to the clearing, fragmentation and degradation of its habitat.

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 Regent Honeyeater!

