

Plant Checklist

- Basket Willow** *Salix x rubens*
Common willow on the shoreline.
Pointed leaves. Deciduous.
- White Poplar** *Populus alba*
Leaves dark and glossy above, white below. Branches grey-white. Deciduous.
- Grey Sallow** *Salix cinerea*
Usually a multi-trunked bushy tree.
Oval, slightly toothed leaves, pale below.
Fluffy catkins early spring.
- Swamp Cypress** *Taxodium distichum*
Bright green deciduous conifer,
turns rusty in autumn.
- Blackwood** *Acacia melanoxylon*
Evergreen indigenous tree with stiff,
dull-green leaves and curled brown pods.
Pale yellow perfumed flowers in spring.
- Radiata Pine** *Pinus radiata*
The most common pine at Lake
Wendouree. Needles in threes.
- River Bottlebrush** *Callistemon sieberi*
Bushy shrub with stiff narrow pointed
leaves. Cream or pale pink bottlebrush
- Prickly Moses** *Acacia verticillata*
Very prickly bristle-like leaves
standout from branches.
- Sweet Bursaria** *Bursaria spinosa*
Prickly shrub with small leaves, widest near
tip. Fine thorns and small rounded pods.
- Hop Goodenia** *Coodenia ovata*
Less than 1m tall with bright green leaves
and yellow flowers in spring and summer.
Often has dead leaves still attached.
- Tussock Grass** *Poa labillardieri*
Dense tussock of fine leaves.
- Lake Water-milfoil** *Myriophyllum
salsugineum* The common "Lakeweed".
Fine leaves around stem.
- Water-ribbons** *Triglochin procera*
Thick strap-like bright green leaves,
mostly rising out of water.
- Eel-weed** *Vallisneria spiralis* Thin
strap-like leaves underwater. Tiny
flowers on top of long, spring-like coils.
- Spiny Rush** *Juncus acutus*
Prickly stiff rush with rusty-brown
seed clusters. Introduced pest.
- Common Reed** *Phragmites communis*
Tall bamboo-like plant with plume seedheads.
- Tall Spike-rush** *Eleocharis sphacelata*
Erect, cylindrical, pencil-thick stems. No leaves.
- Duckweed** (several) Small - tiny floating
plants. A larger species is an aquatic liverwort.
- Water Lily** *Nymphaea sp.* An introduced
aquatic plant with large, circular floating
leaves and very attractive large flowers.
- Cumbungi** *Typha orientalis*
Dull green, erect, strap-like leaves,
and brown sausage-like seed-heads.
- Drain Flat-sedge** *Cyperus eragrostis*
Light green exotic plant, numerous in North
Gardens Wetlands. Dense clusters of seeds,
with spreading leaf-like bracts below.

Other Wildlife

- Striped Marsh Frog** *Lymnodynastes Peronii*
Rarely seen. Gives a strong,
resonant, single call.
- Water Rat** *Hydromys chrysogaster*
Rich brown aquatic native mammal with a
white-tipped tail. Swims and dives.
- Mosquito Fish** Small exotic fish, numerous in
warm shallow water. Has live young, not eggs.
- Dragon Fly** Swift-flying slender aerial insect
often seen over water in warmer weather.



LAKE WENDOUREE FAUNA & FLORA WALKS

BIRDS

170 + birds listed for Lake Wendouree.
Varies from season to season.
Learn how to identify them, their calls,
their habits and lots more.

PLANTS

Nearly 200 species for Lake
Wendouree.

Most water plants native.

Most land plants introduced.

North Gardens Wetlands contains
many native species.

OTHER WILDLIFE

After hours wildlife includes: water-rats,
brush-tailed possums, ring-tailed possums,
small bats, nankeen night-herons.

Underwater wildlife includes: water-rats,
brown & rainbow trout, mosquito fish,
redfin, carp, and many smaller creatures
including leeches, shrimps, water-snails,
yabbies & young aquatic stages of
dragonflies, damselflies, mayflies and
others.

Tours conducted by Roger Thomas

Roger writes the 'Nature Notes' for *The
Courier* and has written two books.

Bookings essential.

Minimum group booking of 10.

\$10 Adult, Student \$3, Family \$22.

Booking: Contact: 0408 512 033.

Small groups may join a larger group.

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Maximum School group 20 students.

Dress warmly for the outdoors.

Tour takes about 1hr.