

Under the *Wildlife Act 1975*, it is illegal to disturb or destroy protected wildlife in Victoria without an ATCW.

The ATCW system

In some areas, human activity and wildlife conflict. It is important that the needs of people and the protection of wildlife is balanced. In many cases this means people must adapt their practices to live with wildlife. Wildlife that are harmful to people's livelihoods, safety or the environment can be controlled humanely.

An ATCW permits the control of wildlife that is damaging property, farmland or habitat, or posing a risk to the safety of people. An ATCW is required to scare, trap, move or destroy wildlife.

An ATCW for lethal control is only issued when non-lethal methods were unsuccessful at resolving the problem or are impractical to implement. ATCW applications are assessed by a DELWP authorised wildlife officer.

Further information about the ATCW application process can be found at [here](#).

All ATCWs include strict conditions to ensure that wildlife is controlled humanely. An ATCW stipulates the type of method that must be used to control the wildlife and any other restrictions that apply.

Anyone acting under an ATCW is required by law to comply with the conditions. Non-compliance is an offence under the *Wildlife Act 1975*.

Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW) Data

Transparent approach to ATCWs

DELWP is transparent with the number of ATCWs it has issued. It is important the public can access this information.

The species, number of ATCWs and the number of animals authorised for control is outlined below.

The tables below present annual ATCW data for 2009 to 2017.

Important information about this data

Number of animals

The data represents the maximum number of animals authorised for control. The actual number of animals that were controlled under each ATCW may be lower.

Lethal and non-lethal methods

The number of ATCWs represents the total number of authorisations issued for both lethal and non-lethal methods (e.g. scare or trap).

Lethal control of wildlife is only considered when practical non-lethal methods were unsuccessful at resolving the program or are impractical to implement.

Threatened species

ATCWs are sometimes issued for the non-lethal control of some threatened species as follows:

Brolga: issued to scare brolgas away from airports in order to protect the birds from aircrafts.

Grey-headed flying fox: issued to scare flying foxes from inappropriate areas where they can cause damage to the environment or property.

Magpie goose: issued to scare magpie geese that are causing damage to crops.

Table 1. ATCW data for 2017

Species	No. ATCWs	No. animals
Australian Fur Seal	2	2
Australian Magpie	23	556
Australian Magpie Lark	13	106
Australian Raven	84	2196
Australian Shelduck	14	880
Australian White Ibis	11	506
Bell Miner	3	150
Black Kite	1	20
Black Swan	2	70
Black Wallaby	108	994
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	3	40
Cape Barren Goose	6	100
Common Brushtail Possum	1	100
Common Ringtail Possum	3	18
Common Wombat	252	3374
Crimson Rosella	16	425
Dingo*	1	4
Eastern Brown Snake	1	10
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	2732	161331
Eastern Rosella	10	225
Emu	53	786
Eurasian Coot	5	66
Fairy Martin	2	300
Fallow Deer	14	586
Galah	45	3605
Gang-gang Cockatoo	1	30
Great Cormorant	6	150
Grey Butcherbird	4	8
Grey Teal	4	150
Grey-headed Flying-fox	5	10300
Hog Deer	3	15
Laughing Kookaburra	1	1
Little Black Cormorant	5	105
Little Corella	44	3746
Little Pied Cormorant	5	70
Little Raven	21	479
Long-billed Corella	50	5854
Lowland Copperhead	1	10
Maned Duck	109	3375
Masked Lapwing	18	108
Musk Lorikeet	19	705
Noisy Friarbird	6	125

Noisy Miner	11	172
Pacific Black Duck	12	265
Pied Currawong	24	500
Rainbow Lorikeet	19	675
Red Deer	6	209
Red Kangaroo	10	15187
Red Wattlebird	15	515
Red-bellied Black Snake	1	10
Red-necked Wallaby	17	160
Rufous Night Heron	1	12
Sambar	17	919
Satin Bowerbird	4	75
Silver Gull	17	6013
Silvereye	10	130
Straw-necked Ibis	4	130
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	64	4505
Tiger Snake	1	10
Welcome Swallow	8	507
Western Grey Kangaroo	99	12568
White-faced Heron	1	10
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	1	50
Species	4049	244303

***Please note:** This ATCW for lethal control of dingoes was issued because the dingoes became more and more socialised to being around people and had lost their fear of humans. Therefore, they posed a significant risk to public (especially children's) safety. After exploring alternative options, the land manager applied for an ATCW and engaged a wildlife controller to destroy the dingoes.

Table 2: ATCW data for 2016

Species	No. ATCWs	No. animals
Australian Fur Seal	1	40
Australian Magpie	30	403
Australian Magpie Lark	4	22
Australian Raven	84	2437
Australian Shelduck	8	145
Australian White Ibis	8	370
Bell Miner	3	170
Black Kite	1	20
Black Swan	2	90
Black Wallaby	233	2214
Black-tailed Native-hen	1	20
Brolga	1	1
Cape Barren Goose	6	320

Common Brushtail Possum	2	60
* Common Long-necked Tortoise	1	9999
Common Ringtail Possum	2	12
Common Wombat	270	3975
Crimson Rosella	12	335
Eastern Banjo Frog	1	10
Eastern Brown Snake	2	20
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	2690	144774
Eastern Rosella	6	138
Emu	81	1119
Eurasian Coot	2	55
Fallow Deer	14	430
Galah	48	3216
Great Cormorant	4	130
Grey Butcherbird	2	5
Grey Teal	2	80
Grey-headed Flying-fox	4	3400
Hog Deer	2	10
Little Black Cormorant	3	34
Little Corella	34	4835
Little Pied Cormorant	4	44
Little Raven	10	271
Long-billed Corella	42	3830
Lowland Copperhead	2	20
Magpie Goose	1	1500
Maned Duck	94	3080
Masked Lapwing	16	128
Musk Lorikeet	24	1255
Noisy Friarbird	9	235
Noisy Miner	6	180
Pacific Black Duck	5	255
Pied Currawong	16	400
Purple Swamphen	5	95
Rainbow Lorikeet	19	925
Red Deer	3	60
Red Kangaroo	8	10798
Red Wattlebird	16	565

Red-necked Wallaby	12	162
Rufous Night Heron	2	13
Sambar	17	1665
Satin Bowerbird	3	60
Silver Gull	23	3990
Silvereye	19	600
Straw-necked Ibis	2	95
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	65	4366
Tiger Snake	3	30
Welcome Swallow	5	248
Western Grey Kangaroo	105	13972
White-faced Heron	2	20
TOTAL	3699	187536

*Please note: ATCW issued to trap and hold Common Long-necked Tortoise that may have been encountered during constructions works undertaken to an artificial water body. No tortoises were encountered and therefore no tortoises were controlled under this authorisation.

Table 3: ATCW data for 2015

Species	No. ATCWs	No. animals
Australian Magpie	22	347
Australian Magpie Lark	5	40
Australian Raven	82	2372
Australian Shelduck	11	888
Australian White Ibis	3	95
Bell Miner	1	250
Black Kite	1	20
Black Swan	4	60
Black Wallaby	193	2809
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	2	15
Cape Barren Goose	1	200
Common Brushtail Possum	4	190
Common Ringtail Possum	1	10
Common Wombat	285	3666
Crimson Rosella	18	555
Dusky Moorhen	2	250
Eastern Brown Snake	1	10
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	2597	130963

Eastern Rosella	8	220
Emu	105	1261
Eurasian Coot	4	150
Fallow Deer	9	215
Galah	39	2575
Great Cormorant	5	130
Grey Butcherbird	2	10
Grey Teal	4	3070
Grey-headed Flying-fox	2	1800
Hog Deer	2	105
Laughing Kookaburra	2	6
Little Black Cormorant	4	100
Little Corella	41	2945
Little Pied Cormorant	4	70
Little Raven	8	245
Long-billed Corella	49	4540
Lowland Copperhead	1	10
Maned Duck	119	3729
Masked Lapwing	17	133
Musk Lorikeet	19	970
Noisy Friarbird	7	165
Noisy Miner	6	313
Pacific Black Duck	7	160
Pied Currawong	22	565
Purple Swamphen	3	65
Rainbow Lorikeet	17	810
Red Deer	3	25
Red Kangaroo	8	1150
Red Wattlebird	15	586
Red-necked Wallaby	11	190
Rufous Night Heron	3	32
Sambar	20	1262
Satin Bowerbird	5	100
Silver Gull	10	2970
Silvereye	19	570
Straw-necked Ibis	2	95
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	73	3990
Tiger Snake	1	20

Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	2
Welcome Swallow	5	185
Western Grey Kangaroo	94	3774
White-faced Heron	1	10
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	2	19
TOTAL	4008	181942

Table 4: ATCW data for 2014

Species	No. ATCWs	No. animals
Australian Magpie	20	507
Australian Magpie Lark	4	30
Australian Raven	94	2522
Australian Shelduck	10	665
Australian White Ibis	7	970
Black Kite	1	20
Black Swan	1	20
Black Wallaby	111	1899
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	1	15
Black-tailed Native-hen	1	20
Cape Barren Goose	4	354
Chestnut Teal	5	50
Chital	1	25
Common Brushtail Possum	11	299
Common Ringtail Possum	6	149
Common Wombat	204	2829
Crimson Rosella	22	513
Dingo	5	50
Dusky Moorhen	1	20
Eastern Brown Snake	6	60
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	1549	62570
Eastern Rosella	15	328
Emu	72	1002
Eurasian Coot	2	70
Fallow Deer	16	365
Galah	50	3126
Great Cormorant	4	135

Grey Butcherbird	2	10
Grey Teal	9	235
Grey-headed Flying-fox	7	8560
Hardhead	1	100
Highland Copperhead	5	50
Hog Deer	2	14
Laughing Kookaburra	7	56
Little Black Cormorant	9	122
Little Corella	55	2212
Little Pied Cormorant	8	87
Little Raven	8	260
Long-billed Corella	64	6744
Maned Duck	114	4275
Masked Lapwing	18	176
Musk Lorikeet	36	1940
Noisy Friarbird	6	130
Noisy Miner	23	438
Pacific Black Duck	15	370
Pied Currawong	23	445
Purple Swamphen	8	100
Rainbow Lorikeet	19	1020
Red Deer	7	70
Red Kangaroo	11	9657
Red Wattlebird	15	386
Red-bellied Black Snake	5	50
Red-necked Wallaby	23	782
Rufous Night Heron	2	13
Sambar	18	352
Satin Bowerbird	5	110
Silver Gull	16	7650
Silvereye	16	465
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	78	4335
Tiger Snake	5	50
Welcome Swallow	8	170
Western Grey Kangaroo	75	11873
White-winged Chough	5	50
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	2	330
Yellow-throated Miner	1	30

TOTAL	2951	141699
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Table 5: ATCW data for 2013

Species	No. ATCWs	No. animals
Australian Fur Seal	1	5
Australian Magpie	21	327
Australian Magpie Lark	5	34
Australian Raven	112	2866
Australian Shelduck	14	262
Australian White Ibis	1	30
Black Kite	1	20
Black Swan	2	26
Black Wallaby	118	1919
Brolga	1	50
Cape Barren Goose	2	60
Chestnut Teal	1	10
Common Brushtail Possum	11	117
Common Ringtail Possum	1	5
Common Wombat	189	2181
Crimson Rosella	15	378
Dingo	6	60
Dusky Moorhen	1	20
Eastern Brown Snake	8	75
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	1680	65579
Eastern Rosella	9	138
Emu	83	1162
Eurasian Coot	12	750
Fallow Deer	84	1345
Galah	61	3283
Great Cormorant	2	40
Grey Butcherbird	2	30
Grey Teal	9	160
Grey-headed Flying-fox	3	5200
Highland Copperhead	1	5
Hog Deer	2	15
Laughing Kookaburra	3	22
Little Black Cormorant	7	75

Little Corella	46	5065
Little Pied Cormorant	6	60
Little Raven	5	42
Long-billed Corella	59	10445
Lowland Copperhead	2	15
Magpie Goose	1	10
Maned Duck	145	4459
Masked Lapwing	15	237
Musk Lorikeet	35	1700
Noisy Friarbird	8	195
Noisy Miner	13	260
Pacific Black Duck	21	540
Pied Currawong	20	465
Purple Swamphen	3	45
Rainbow Lorikeet	23	960
Red Deer	65	901
Red Kangaroo	2	3061
Red Wattlebird	10	275
Red-bellied Black Snake	8	75
Red-necked Wallaby	15	160
Sambar	126	2677
Satin Bowerbird	4	75
Silver Gull	13	10351
Silvereye	16	440
Straw-necked Ibis	1	10
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	75	3357
Tiger Snake	8	75
Welcome Swallow	3	1056
Western Grey Kangaroo	81	6499
TOTAL	3297	139759

Australian Shelduck	13	298
Black Wallaby	104	1525
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	1	10
Black-tailed Native-hen	1	20
Cape Barren Goose	2	258
Common Brushtail Possum	8	557
Common Ringtail Possum	2	10
Common Wombat	163	1780
Crimson Rosella	11	323
Eastern Brown Snake	2	25
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	1250	44469
Eastern Rosella	4	88
Emu	82	1016
Eurasian Coot	1	30
Fallow Deer	117	2142
Galah	43	2936
Great Cormorant	2	28
Grey Butcherbird	3	60
Grey Teal	3	110
Grey-headed Flying-fox	1	1000
Hardhead	1	15
Highland Copperhead	1	5
Hog Deer	3	9
Laughing Kookaburra	2	20
Little Black Cormorant	1	20
Little Corella	30	1965
Little Pied Cormorant	1	20
Little Raven	4	150
Long-billed Corella	28	1660
Lowland Copperhead	3	26
Mallee Ringneck	4	20
Maned Duck	101	3198
Masked Lapwing	7	155
Musk Lorikeet	25	1220
Noisy Friarbird	11	225
Noisy Miner	3	65
Pacific Black Duck	13	477
Pied Currawong	20	500

Table 6: ATCW data for 2012

Species	No. ATCWs	No. animals
Australian Fur Seal	1	1
Australian Magpie	19	419
Australian Magpie Lark	5	61
Australian Raven	70	1940

Purple Swamphen	1	20
Rainbow Lorikeet	19	1045
Red Deer	82	1140
Red Kangaroo	4	35
Red Wattlebird	7	190
Red-bellied Black Snake	3	26
Red-necked Wallaby	18	227
Sambar	208	4013
Satin Bowerbird	5	90
Silver Gull	19	20432
Silvereye	9	240
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	54	2173
Tiger Snake	3	26
Western Brown Snake	1	1
Western Grey Kangaroo	58	1213
Yellow-throated Miner	1	40
TOTAL	2658	99767

Eastern Brown Snake	3	42
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	866	33539
Eastern Rosella	5	90
Emu	53	708
Fallow Deer	111	2070
Galah	35	2335
Great Cormorant	2	22
Grey Butcherbird	2	30
Grey Teal	3	140
Grey-headed Flying-fox	1	1000
Hog Deer	5	134
Laughing Kookaburra	3	30
Little Black Cormorant	2	22
Little Corella	35	2377
Little Pied Cormorant	2	22
Little Raven	8	215
Long-billed Corella	21	1750
Mallee Ringneck	3	15
Maned Duck	96	3433
Masked Lapwing	7	185
Musk Lorikeet	39	2430
Noisy Friarbird	12	265
Pacific Black Duck	8	358
Pacific Heron	1	2
Pied Currawong	25	680
Purple Swamphen	2	25
Rainbow Lorikeet	20	910
Red Deer	86	1506
Red Kangaroo	3	20
Red Wattlebird	12	305
Red-necked Wallaby	19	403
Sambar	198	4044
Satin Bowerbird	5	85
Silver Gull	23	10140
Silvereye	15	390
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	30	1108
Tiger Snake	1	10
Welcome Swallow	2	11

Table 7: ATCW data for 2011

Species	No. ATCWs	No. animals
Australian Fur Seal	2	110
Australian Magpie	18	380
Australian Magpie Lark	3	22
Australian Raven	78	2391
Australian Shelduck	13	223
Australian White Ibis	1	50
Black Kite	2	40
Black Swan	1	10
Black Wallaby	128	2239
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	3	25
Black-tailed Native-hen	6	170
Cape Barren Goose	2	302
Common Brushtail Possum	7	211
Common Ringtail Possum	1	5
Common Wombat	134	1612
Crimson Rosella	19	525
Dingo	1	10

Western Grey Kangaroo	56	1162
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	1	30
TOTAL	2240	80368

Table 8: ATCW data for 2010

Species	No. ATCWs	No. animals
Australian Magpie	12	286
Australian Magpie Lark	5	28
Australian Raven	88	2702
Australian Shelduck	14	260
Australian White Ibis	2	70
Black Swan	1	15
Black Wallaby	79	1200
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	1	5
Common Brushtail Possum	9	199
Common Ringtail Possum	2	10
Common Wombat	123	1285
Crimson Rosella	20	478
Dingo	1	10
Eastern Brown Snake	1	5
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	1090	37716
Eastern Rosella	9	138
Emu	80	882
Eurasian Coot	1	15
Fallow Deer	66	1173
Galah	22	1996
Great Cormorant	1	2
Grey Butcherbird	2	30
Grey Teal	1	30
Grey-headed Flying-fox	2	9000
Highland Copperhead	1	5
Hog Deer	2	4
Laughing Kookaburra	3	21
Little Black Cormorant	3	57
Little Corella	36	2870
Little Crow	1	15
Little Pied Cormorant	1	2
Little Raven	10	196

Long-billed Corella	29	3085
Lowland Copperhead	1	5
Maned Duck	94	3064
Masked Lapwing	5	121
Musk Lorikeet	14	705
Noisy Friarbird	11	270
Pacific Black Duck	4	100
Pied Currawong	32	892
Rainbow Lorikeet	12	460
Red Deer	49	756
Red Kangaroo	3	15
Red Wattlebird	11	215
Red-bellied Black Snake	1	5
Red-necked Wallaby	16	235
Richard's Pipit	1	10
Sambar	151	3201
Satin Bowerbird	5	85
Silver Gull	14	17031
Silvereye	12	350
Straw-necked Ibis	1	20
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	32	1481
Tiger Snake	1	5
Welcome Swallow	3	440
Western Grey Kangaroo	74	1828
White-faced Heron	1	10
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	1	30
Yellow-throated Miner	1	20
TOTAL	2268	95144

Table 9: ATCW data for 2009

Species	No. ATCWs	No. animals
Australian Fur Seal	1	100
Australian Magpie	14	340
Australian Magpie Lark	4	40
Australian Raven	75	2112
Australian Shelduck	8	172
Black Kite	1	25
Black Swan	3	219

Black Wallaby	129	1643
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	2	15
Black-tailed Native-hen	1	10
Broad-shelled River Turtle	1	100
Common Brushtail Possum	7	140
Common Long-necked Tortoise	2	120
Common Ringtail Possum	1	5
Common Wombat	156	1955
Crimson Rosella	25	633
Eastern Brown Snake	2	40
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	1432	57940
Eastern Rosella	11	218
Emu	72	804
Eurasian Coot	2	115
Fallow Deer	49	928
Galah	33	4640
Great Cormorant	3	27
Grey Butcherbird	3	60
Grey Teal	1	10
Grey-headed Flying-fox	3	200
Hog Deer	1	2
Laughing Kookaburra	3	30
Little Black Cormorant	3	27
Little Corella	29	2905
Little Pied Cormorant	2	22
Little Raven	8	250
Long-billed Corella	38	6745
Mallee Ringneck	3	15
Maned Duck	120	4266

Masked Lapwing	8	220
Murray Turtle	1	100
Musk Lorikeet	46	2965
Noisy Friarbird	9	270
Pacific Black Duck	6	115
Pied Currawong	34	984
Purple Swamphen	1	20
Rainbow Lorikeet	21	1350
Red Deer	34	262
Red Kangaroo	5	2085
Red Wattlebird	9	265
Red-necked Wallaby	28	287
Sambar Deer	124	2585
Satin Bowerbird	7	120
Silver Gull	17	5770
Silvereye	12	370
Straw-necked Ibis	3	40
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	38	2690
Tiger Snake	1	20
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	5
Welcome Swallow	3	560
Western Grey Kangaroo	62	4127
White-faced Heron	1	10
Yellow Rosella	1	10
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo	2	140
TOTAL	2723	112243

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