

# Introduction

# Introduction to *Wetlands Australia*

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Wetlands are important for supporting threatened species.

Australia's wetlands are home to a diverse range of species, including plants, birds, fish, frogs, reptiles and mammals. Many of these species rely on wetlands for their survival, especially during important life cycle stages such as resting, feeding and breeding. In addition to endemic species, many of the threatened species in wetlands are migratory, and travel long distances in search of wetlands for food and roosting sites.

This edition of *Wetlands Australia* highlights the actions by community groups, Indigenous organisations, universities and research institutions,

non-government organisations and state and federal governments to raise awareness, restore and manage wetlands for the benefit of threatened birds, mammals, fish and frogs. Partnerships and collaborations have led to some surprising discoveries and serendipitous outcomes. We hope you enjoy this selection of articles.

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*Curlew sandpipers (Calidris ferruginea), recently listed as threatened under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, are migratory birds that fly from northern Russia to Australian wetlands in spring*

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