# Building your species library

in the Murray Riverina





## Paddock trees

Paddock trees are a really important feature in the landscape, they are often the largest and oldest trees and provide critical habitat and resources for many species. Think about using a diversity of survey methods to target the biodiversity in your paddock trees.

- Cameras Target large paddock trees with hollows that might be home to Squirrel Gliders.
- Song Meter Large paddock trees with hollows can be full
  of microbats, target a paddock tree with your Song Meter
  and record in ultrasonic mode (refer to the guidebook for
  dates).



# Where there is water there is life!

In our region water = life, so keep this in mind when looking where to place your Land Libraries equipment. Try and target the lower areas in the landscape.

# Top tips from a local ecologist



#### Get creative!

Get creative in your data collection with NatureMapr and use a selfie stick! Many smaller reptiles like skinks and dragons will run away if you try and get a photo on your phone, use a selfie stick to put some distance between you and the subject to get the shot!



#### Habitat havens

When targeting structures with your remote camera, blackberry infestations can often act has havens for many smaller mammals and marsupials, consider targeting these areas with your remote cameras!



## A bird's eye view

Struggling to get photos of birds on your phone? If you have some binoculars you can try taking a photo through the binoculars using your phone camera to make a makeshift long lens!

# **Species Spotlight**



#### **Broad-toothed Rat**

#### Survey Tip

Grass sedge fields are their habitat, find the tunnels and set up your remote cameras. Keep an eye out for it's large, fibrous, green droppings to identify areas it may be present. Credit: NSW Bionet

#### Survey Method







#### Malleefowl

#### Survey Tip

The Malleefowl incubate their eggs in large mounds, survey for these along sandy tracks during spring with mallee trees in the landscape. Credit: NSW **Rionet** 

#### Survey Method









#### Rosenberg's Goanna

#### Survey Tip

You might be lucky to catch a Rosenberg's Goanna on camera. If targeting this species make sure you use a meat bait for the lure. Credit: NSW Bionet

#### Survey Method







#### **Spotted-tailed Quoll**

#### Survey Tip

Looking for an elusive Quoll? Use a meat bait like a can of tuna. Take care to ensure there are no sections of exposed metal or sharp edges on the can as this can injure any wildlife. Credit: NSW Bionet

#### Survey Method





#### Squirrel Glider

#### Survey Tip

Target large box trees with several hollows. Squirrel Gliders prefer rough barked box trees. Honey and water can be sprayed on a tree as an added lure to entice them into the camera's view. Credit: NSW Bionet

#### Survey Method









#### **Superb Parrot**

#### Survey Tip

Superb Parrots can be found in the river red gum forests along major rivers during breeding (spring and summer) and the surrounding woodlands of the Riverine Plains at other times of year Credit: NSW Bionet

#### Survey Method







# Survey method key



Spotlighting



Take photos on phone (NatureMapr app) or camera (NatureMapr website)



Remote Camera



Birdwatching



Record calls with NatureMapr app



Calls captured and analysed on Song Meter