

Questions taken on notice

Select Committee on Victoria's Recreational Native Bird Hunting Arrangements

1. (a) Rescue Case Volume – Home Zone of Wildlife Victoria's Travelling Veterinary Service

Wildlife Victoria provides rescue case volume for the period Wednesday 26th April 2023 to Sunday 30th April 2023 for the home zones of the Wildlife Victoria Travelling Veterinary Service (Wildlife Victoria Travelling Veterinary Service was deployed outside home zone for opening of duck shooting season):

Species	Case Volume
Microbat	6
Echidna	4
Grey Headed Flying Fox	2
Sugar Glider	1
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	44
Koala	2
Blue Tongue Lizard	3
Turtle	3
Possums (Ringtail and Brushtail)	116
Snake (3 species)	4
Swamp wallaby	3
Wombat, bare nosed	10
Cockatoos (Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoos, Gang Gang Cockatoos, Sulphur Crested Cockatoos)	12
Waterbirds (Eurasian Coots, Ducks of various species, Grebes of various species, Gulls of various species, Swampheens, Herons, Ibis, Penguins, Shearwaters, Swans)	41
Parrots (King Parrots, Galahs, Rosella of various species, Lorikeets of various species)	23
Raptors (Tawny Frogmouths, Wedge Tailed Eagles, Goshawks, Barn Owls, Powerful Owls, Southern Boobook Owls)	12
Other bird species (Corellas, Fantails, Honeyeaters, Magpies, Larks, Noisy Minors, Stubble Quail, Pigeons, Ravens, Wattlebirds)	49
TOTAL	335

NOTES:

- All 335 rescues of native wildlife in this table were attended to – in the majority by volunteer rescuers
- All wildlife requiring veterinary intervention were attended to by non wildlife specific GP vet clinics and requiring transport from scene – a stressor for wildlife

- Wildlife Victoria’s Travelling Vet Service (“TVS”), when acting as a first responder, typically attends more complex/urgent cases/dangerous cases – of the list above, the TVS would likely have attended koala cases, some macropod cases, some raptor cases, flying foxes and some other species contingent on case characteristics).

(b) Rescue Case Volume – South Eastern Metropolitan Region

Wildlife Victoria provides rescue case volume for the Southern Metropolitan Region for the period Wednesday 26th April 2023 to Sunday 30th April 2023. The data in the table below is a subset of the rescue case volume detailed in the Table in section 1 (a) above and spans the following LGAs: Casey, Knox, Greater Dandenong, Frankston, Monash, Kingston.

Species	Case Volume
Microbat	2
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	2
Turtle	1
Possums (Ringtail and Brushtail)	20
Sulphur Crested Cockatoos	2
Waterbirds (Ducks, Grebes, Gulls)	3
Rosellas	3
Other bird species (Fantails, Magpies, Larks, Ravens)	6
TOTAL	39

2. Birds presented to Wildlife Victoria’s Veterinarians 2023 Duck Shooting Season: Veterinary assessment of cause of death + gunshot pellets still inside birds

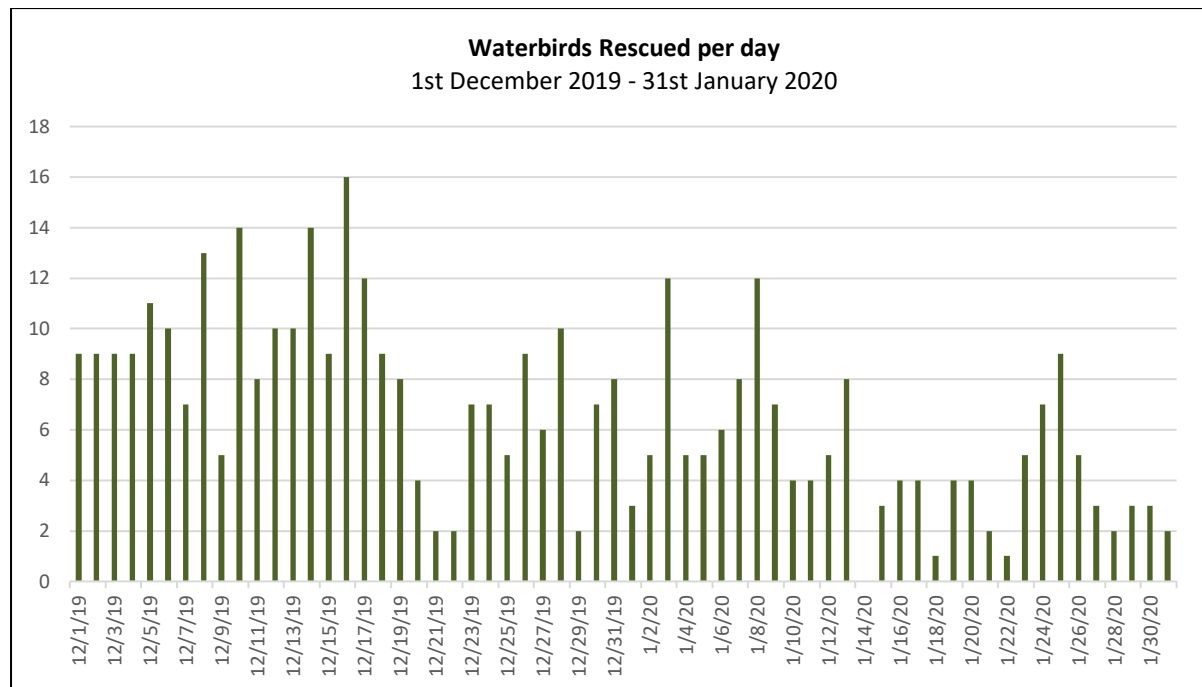
Cause of Death	Number
Gunshot Wounds	58
Severe Injury/Trauma	11
Inconclusive	14

Cause of Death	Number
Gunshot pellets present on X-Ray still inside bird	44

3. Birds Wildlife Victoria rescued during the 2019/2020 bushfire season

During December 2019 and January 2020 Wildlife Victoria rescued, statewide, 407 waterbirds across multiple species (seabirds have been excluded from data).

It is noted that during the Black Summer Bushfires of 2019/2020 Wildlife Victoria and its expert wildlife rescue volunteers were prevented from entering bushfire zones by the Victorian Government to attend to wildlife in need of help on the firegrounds. Nevertheless, the extreme heat had widespread statewide impacts on wildlife, including wildlife in the vicinity of firegrounds.



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