

## 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.**