

OBP News and Information

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[Mundoo Island Station acquisition expands vital national park](#) – News release from South Australia's Department for Environment and Water, 6 January 2026

[When green energy threatens what it is meant to save](#) – ABC News, 27 December 2025

[Scientists warn deadly bird flu outbreak about to become reality for Australia](#) – ABC News, 23 December 2025

[Parrots fly home for festive season](#) – Media release from Madeleine Ogilvie, Minister for the Environment, 20 December 2025

[Who's thriving and who's barely surviving in Australia, the Land of the Parrots?](#) – ABC News, 29 November 2025

[Two small birds, one big fight for survival](#) – Birdlife Australia's Christmas Appeal, November 2025

[Stadium Austerity Era Will Harm Environment](#) – Tasmanian Greens media release, 6 November 2025

[Orange-bellied parrot numbers climb as more birds return to Tasmania](#) – Pulse Tasmania, 4 November 2025

[National H5 bird flu site and species planning](#) – DCEEW news, 4 November 2025

[Joint media release: Spotlight on One Health and national preparedness for H5 bird flu](#) – DCCEEW media release, 3 November 2025

[Australia must put politics aside and pass nature laws that benefit the economy and the environment](#) – The Guardian, 2 November 2025

[Orange-bellied parrots have swelled back from imminent extinction – but now they face a new threat](#) – Focusing on Wildlife, 26 October 2025

[Orange-bellied parrots have swelled back from imminent extinction – but now they face a new threat](#) – The Guardian, 11 October 2025

[Six orange-bellied parrots return to Tasmanian breeding grounds](#) – Pulse Tasmania, 10 October 2025

[Wildlife photographer Rob Blakers pleads guilty to trespassing on Robbins Island](#) - ABC News, 7 October 2025

[A bright red warning – the new tool that could transform where Australia builds renewables](#) – Renew Economy, 7 October 2025

Greens leader Larissa Waters 'doesn't know very much' about wind farm opposed by colleagues – ABC News, 5 October 2025

Turbines approved in Orange-bellied Parrot flight path – Birdlife Australia, 9 September 2025

'Wrong place': Senator Jacqui Lambie blasts Robbins Island wind farm decision – Pulse Tasmania, 5 September 2025

Bob Brown's \$10,000 challenge to Minister Watt – Tasmania Times, 30 August 2025

Murray Watt backs 'no-go' zones where development is banned – but not for Tasmania's Robbins Island – The Guardian, 30 August 2025

Labor greenlights contentious Robbins Island windfarm despite fears for endangered orange-bellied parrot – The Guardian, 29 August 2025

Murray Watt: Interview with Patricia Karvelas, ABC Afternoon Briefing [transcript] – DCCEEW, 29 August 2025

Federal government approves delayed wind farm in Tasmania – Weekend Australian, 29 August 2025

Robbins Island wind farm off Tasmania gets environmental approval after years of delays – ABC News, 29 August 2025

More renewables and environmental protections for Tasmania – media release from Murray Watt, Minister for the Environment and Water, 29 August 2025

Which way will the wind blow? Decision day looms for planned windfarm on Tasmania's Robbins Island – The Guardian, 16 August 2025

Push to keep Australia free of deadly bird flu virus – The Examiner, 14 August 2025

\$2.8 million in federal funding announced to help protect captive-bred rare species against H5N1 virus – ABC Radio, 8 August 2025

Federal decision on "complex" 900 MW wind farm delayed for a seventh time – Renew Economy, 28 June 2025

Labor Puts Robbins Island in Danger – Mirage News, 24 June 2025

Authorities try to protect Australia's vulnerable wildlife as H5N1 bird flu approaches – ABC News, 31 May 2025

Australia-Indonesia bird flu partnership takes flight on global stage – CSIRO, 30 May 2025

Experts celebrate as head-turning bird species makes impressive comeback from brink of extinction: 'A remarkable turnaround' – The Cooldown, 19 May 2025

'Pandemic potential' on our doorstep – ABC News, 18 May 2025

Orange-bellied parrots last chance for survival may be cross species breeding – ABC News, 1 April 2025

[Expectations set for a record-breaking orange-bellied parrot migration as more captive-bred birds released](#) – ABC News, 10 March 2025

[Plibersek delays Robbins Island wind farm decision until after election](#) – ABC News, 7 March 2025

[Plibersek delays call on controversial Tasmania wind project again, as local division deepens](#) – Renew Economy, 7 March 2025

[Robbins Island wind farm a step closer after Supreme Court appeal dismissed](#) – ABC News, 27 February 2025

[Robbins Island decision leaves the fate of important bird habitat to Minister Plibersek](#) – Birdlife Australia Media Release, 27 February 2025

[Analysis shows orange-bellied parrots' migration path crosses Robbins Island wind farm, expert says](#) – ABC News, 26 February 2025

[Flight path of Tasmanian boobook owls goes through wind farm zones in Bass Strait, study finds](#) – ABC News, 10 January 2025

[Orange-bellied Parrot numbers at 15-year high](#) – Surf Coast Times, 1 January 2025

[Great news for Orange-bellied Parrot numbers!](#) – Nature Glenelg Trust, 27 December 2024

[Orange-bellied Parrot migration data reinforces wind farm concerns](#) – Media release from Vic Bayley, MP, The Greens, 19 December 2024

[Record 92 endangered orange-bellied parrots return to Tasmania](#) – Pulse Tasmania, 19 December 2024

[Orange-bellied Parrots home for Christmas, report released](#) – Media release from Madeleine Ogilvie, Minister for the Environment, 18 December 2024

[A strain of bird flu \(H7N6\) in Otago \[NZ\]](#) – Biosecurity New Zealand, about a case confirmed in December 2024

[A record-breaking season for Orange-bellied Parrots](#) – Birdlife Australia, 5 December 2024

[Why hasn't the bird flu pandemic started?](#) – Science.org, 5 December 2024

[Rare orange-bellied parrot chick born at Victorian wildlife conservation park](#) – Pulse Tasmania, 24 November 2024

[Four orange-bellied parrots arrive back in Tasmania, marking start of breeding season](#) – Pulse Tasmania, 2 October 2024

[Orange-bellied Parrots return to Melaleuca](#) – Media release from Nick Duigan, Minister for Parks and Environment, 2 October 2024

[New Orange-bellied Parrot sightings in SA!](#) – Nature Glenelg Trust, 25 September 2024

[ABC South East SA Breakfast OBP sightings in South Australia on 19 September 2024](#) – ABC South East SA Breakfast Radio interview with SA OBP Regional Coordinator Bob Green and SA volunteer Erin Donnellan (from around 1:18:00 to 1:23:00)

[NRE Tas Orange-bellied Parrot Migration Tracking Program](#) – YouTube video presentation by Dr Shannon Troy to the Tasmanian Land Conservancy's Conservation Science Symposium, August 2024 (from about 2:56 to 10:25)

[Orange-Bellied Parrots Winter 2024: key sightings](#) – Birdlife Australia, 26 July 2024

[Fenner Seminar: Captive Breeding as a tool for Species Conservation](#) – YouTube video presentation by Laura Bussolini, 16 May 2024

[Orange-bellied Parrots fly north after successful breeding season](#) – Media release from Nick Duigan, Minister for Environment, 7 May 2024

[Robbins Island wind project heads back to court, as EPA digs in over “sensitive dunes”](#) – Renew Economy, 5 April 2024

[Critically endangered parrot bounces back in huge conservation effort](#) – sciencealert.com, 12 February 2024

[Disease threat emerges for critically endangered parrot](#) – The Canberra Times, 12 January 2024

[Robbins Island wind farm appeal heads to court as activists and community members launch one last attempt](#) – ABC News, 10 January 2024 B Halliday, A Taggers and A Herrod

[Orange-bellied Parrots return to Tasmania in record numbers](#) – ABC Radio interview with Dr Shannon Troy, Manager Orange-bellied Parrot Tasmanian Program, 22 December 2023

[Endangered orange-bellied parrots return to Melaleuca in Tasmania's south-west in unexpectedly high numbers](#) – ABC News, 20 December 2023

[Robbins Island wind farm green-lit after threat to orange-bellied parrot species dismissed on appeal](#) – ABC News, 27 November 2023

[Robbins Island wind farm developer seeks to remove shutdown clause designed to protect orange-bellied parrot](#) – ABC News, 12 September 2023

[Bird with a wire: How to track one of Australia's rarest species](#) – The Sydney Morning Herald, 24 June 2023

[Hobby aviculturists believe they can help conserve endangered birds](#) – ABC News, 4 June 2023

[Duck hunting season cut short at Victorian reserve to make way for critically endangered parrots](#) – The Guardian, 18 May 2023

[From the Archives, 1993: Sightings raise hope for rare parrot](#) – The Sydney Morning Herald, 17 May 2023

Breeding birds in captivity may alter their wing shapes and reduce post-release survival chances – The Guardian, 18 March 2023 D. Stojanovic et al. (2023)

Orange-bellied parrot shows there's more to saving endangered species than captive breeding – ANU News, 14 March 2023

Will Orange-bellied Parrots produce record chick numbers? – ABC radio interview with Dr Dejan Stojanovic, Australian National University, 16 January 2023

Record numbers of critically endangered Orange-bellied Parrots in Tasmania for breeding season – The Guardian, 20 December 2022

Robbins Island wind farm proposal approved on condition of 5-month annual shutdown due to orange-bellied parrots – ABC News, 8 December 2022

Tasmanian windfarm approved despite concerns for threatened wildlife – The Guardian, 8 December 2022

Animals bred in captivity develop physical changes that may hinder survival in the wild, research finds – The Guardian, 20 November 2022

Proposed Robbins Island wind farm could impact endangered parrot population, documents reveal – ABC News, 6 June 2022

'Worst it's ever been': a threatened species alarm sounds during the election campaign and is ignored – The Guardian, 24 April 2022

The parrot clawing its way back from the brink, one nest at a time – The Sydney Morning Herald, 10 April 2022

Saving the orange-bellied parrot is just one perk of spending time in Tasmania's beautiful south-west – ABC News story from January 2022 that gives a good overview of the work of volunteers from both NRE and Friends of the OBP.

Endangered orange-bellied parrot returns to Tassie – ABC News, 28 December 2021

Orange-bellied parrot numbers are increasing in the wild, giving hope for the species' survival – ABC News, 27 December 2021

Torquay locals pressure council to step up, hold developers accountable for environmental harm – ABC News, 6 December 2021

Six Australian birds you may never have heard of and may not be heard from again – The Guardian, 1 December 2021

Afternoons Interview - OBP – An interview on ABC Radio Hobart with Friends of the OBP President, Marianne Gee, September 2021

Orange-bellied parrots leave Tasmania in biggest ever numbers for annual migration – The Guardian, 22 April 2021

Orange-bellied parrot: best year in a decade for critically endangered bird – The Guardian, 10 November 2020

Most orange-bellied parrots don't survive their first migration - and Tasmanian researchers want to know why – ABC News, 17 August 2020

Orange-bellied parrots, all but extinct, survive Tasmanian summer only to die migrating – The Guardian, 16 August 2020

It is possible to pay attention to science and then help actual animals on purpose – The Guardian, 7 August 2020

Orange-bellied Parrot's welcome return to Victoria – ABC Radio interview with Nature Glenelg Trust ecologist Nicole Mojonnier, 30 June 2020

Numbers of critically endangered orange-bellied parrot soar from low 20s to more than 100 – The Guardian, 27 April 2020

Wire on a bird: Tiny backpack radios to keep track of rarest parrot – The Sydney Morning Herald, 27 April 2020