**OBP News and Information**

Note that news stories are limited to the last five years.  If you are aware of a publicly available news story that is not listed here, please let us know by emailing [friends.of.the.obp@gmail.com](mailto:friends.of.the.obp@gmail.com)

Highlight = most recent additions to the list

[Which way will the wind blow? Decision day looms for planned windfarm on Tasmania’s Robbins Island](https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2025/aug/16/windfarm-proposal-robbins-island-tasmania) – The Guardian, 16 August 2025

[Push to keep Australia free of deadly bird flu virus](https://www.yourlocalexaminer.com.au/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](https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/hobart-drive/five-tas-facilities-received-bird-flu-funding/105630684) – ABC Radio, 8 August 2025

[Federal decision on “complex” 900 MW wind farm delayed for a seventh time](https://reneweconomy.com.au/federal-decision-on-contested-900-mw-wind-farm-delayed-for-a-seventh-time/) – Renew Economy, 28 June 2025

[Labor Puts Robbins Island in Danger](https://www.miragenews.com/labor-puts-robbins-island-in-danger-1483247/) – Mirage News, 24 June 2025

[Authorities try to protect Australia's vulnerable wildlife as H5N1 bird flu approaches](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-05-31/concerns-for-sa-sealions-and-birds-as-bird-flu-approaches/105102764) – ABC News, 31 May 2025

[Australia-Indonesia bird flu partnership takes flight on global stage](https://www.csiro.au/en/news/All/News/2025/May/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'](https://www.thecooldown.com/outdoors/save-orange-bellied-parrot-population-australia/) – The Cooldown, 19 May 2025

[‘Pandemic potential’ on our doorstep](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-05-18/antarctica-avian-flu-h5n1-evolution-pandemic-potential/105271154) – ABC News, 18 May 2025

[Orange-bellied parrots last chance for survival may be cross species breeding](https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2025-04-01/orange-bellied-parrots-survival-may-be-cross-species-breeding/105100274) – ABC News, 1 April 2025

[Expectations set for a record-breaking orange-bellied parrot migration as more captive-bred birds released](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-03-10/orange-bellied-parrot-record-breaking-migration-expected/105029354) - ABC News, 10 March 2025

[Plibersek delays Robbins Island wind farm decision until after election](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-03-07/robbins-island-wind-farm-decision-delayed-until-after-election/105021938) - ABC News, 7 March 2025

[Plibersek delays call on controversial Tasmania wind project again, as local division deepens](https://reneweconomy.com.au/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](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-02-27/robbins-island-wind-farm-orange-bellied-parrot-decision/104987802) - ABC News, 27 February 2025

[Analysis shows orange-bellied parrots' migration path crosses Robbins Island wind farm, expert says](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-02-26/robbins-island-windfarm-orange-bellied-parrots-data/104974852) - ABC News, 26 February 2025

[Flight path of Tasmanian boobook owls goes through wind farm zones in Bass Strait, study finds](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-01-10/tas-boobook-owl-migration-goes-through-wind-farm-zones/104796132) - ABC News, 10 January 2025

[Orange-bellied Parrot numbers at 15-year high](https://timesnewsgroup.com.au/surfcoasttimes/news/orange-bellied-parrot-numbers-at-15-year-high/) - Surf Coast Times, 1 January 2025

[Great news for Orange-bellied Parrot numbers!](https://natureglenelg.org.au/great-news-for-orange-bellied-parrot-numbers/) - Nature Glenelg Trust, 27 December 2024

[Orange-bellied Parrot migration data reinforces wind farm concerns](https://tasgreensmps.org/media-releases/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](https://pulsetasmania.com.au/news/record-92-endangered-orange-bellied-parrots-return-to-tasmania/) - Pulse Tasmania, 19 December 2024

[Orange-bellied Parrots home for Christmas, report released](https://www.premier.tas.gov.au/latest-news/2024/december/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]](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/biosecurity/exotic-pests-and-diseases-in-new-zealand/active-biosecurity-responses-to-pests-and-diseases/a-strain-of-bird-flu-h7n6-in-otago/) - Biosecurity New Zealand, about a case confirmed in December 2024

[A record-breaking season for Orange-bellied Parrots](https://birdlife.org.au/news/orange-bellied-parrots-record-numbers/) - Birdlife Australia, 5 December 2024

[Why hasn’t the bird flu pandemic started?](https://www.science.org/content/article/why-hasn-t-bird-flu-pandemic-started) - Science.org, 5 December 2024

[Rare orange-bellied parrot chick born at Victorian wildlife conservation park](https://pulsetasmania.com.au/news/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](https://pulsetasmania.com.au/news/four-orange-bellied-parrots-arrive-back-in-tasmania-marking-start-of-breeding-season/) - Pulse Tasmania, 2 October 2024

[Orange-bellied Parrots return to Melaleuca](https://www.premier.tas.gov.au/latest-news/2024/september/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!](https://natureglenelg.org.au/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](https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/southeastsa-breakfast/breakfast/104351232) -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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5adJlI1P9I) - 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](https://birdlife.org.au/news/orange-bellied-parrots-winter-2024-nanotag-tracking-and-key-sightings/) - Birdlife Australia, 26 July 2024

[Fenner Seminar: Captive Breeding as a tool for Species Conservation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6ElzPHEyCE) - YouTube video presentation by Laura Bussolini, 16 May 2024

[Orange-bellied Parrots fly north after successful breeding season](https://www.premier.tas.gov.au/latest-news/2024/may/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”](https://reneweconomy.com.au/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](https://www.sciencealert.com/critically-endangered-parrot-bounces-back-in-huge-conservation-victory) - sciencealert.com, 12 February 2024

[Disease threat emerges for critically endangered parrot](https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/8483928/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](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-01-10/robbins-island-wind-farm-supreme-court-appeal-activists/103297698) - ABC News, 10 January 2024 B Halliday, A Taggers and A Herrod

[Orange-bellied Parrots return to Tasmania in record numbers](https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/radionational-breakfast/orange-bellied-parrots-return-to-tasmania-in-record-numbers/103257990) - 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](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-12-20/orange-bellied-parrots-return-best-in-15-years/103249926) - ABC News, 20 December 2023

[Robbins Island wind farm green-lit after threat to orange-bellied parrot species dismissed on appeal](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-11-27/tascat-ruling-robbins-island-wind-farm-orange-bellied-parrot/103154044) - ABC News, 27 November 2023

[Robbins Island wind farm developer seeks to remove shutdown clause designed to protect orange-bellied parrot](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-09-12/robbins-island-appeal-turbine-shutdown-for-orange-bellied-parrot/102841830) - ABC News, 12 September 2023

[Bird with a wire: How to track one of Australia’s rarest species](https://www.smh.com.au/environment/conservation/bird-with-a-wire-how-to-track-one-of-australia-s-rarest-species-20230622-p5dikw.html) - The Sydney Morning Herald, 24 June 2023

[Hobby aviculturists believe they can help conserve endangered birds](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-06-04/hobby-aviculturists-save-endangered-parrots-birds-breeding/102411742) - ABC News, 4 June 2023

[Duck hunting season cut short at Victorian reserve to make way for critically endangered parrots](https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2023/may/18/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](https://www.smh.com.au/environment/conservation/from-the-archives-1993-sightings-raise-hope-for-rare-parrot-20230511-p5d7o0.html) - The Sydney Morning Herald, 17 May 2023

[Breeding birds in captivity may alter their wing shapes and reduce post-release survival chances](https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2023/mar/19/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](https://science.anu.edu.au/news-events/news/orange-bellied-parrot-shows-theres-more-saving-endangered-species-captive-breeding) – ANU News, 14 March 2023

[Will Orange-bellied Parrots produce record chick numbers?](https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/am/will-orange-bellied-parrots-produce-record-chick-numbers-/101857830) - 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](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/dec/20/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](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-12-08/orange-bellied-parrot-robbins-island-wind-farm-condition/101749762) - ABC News, 8 December 2022

[Tasmanian windfarm approved despite concerns for threatened wildlife](https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2022/dec/09/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](https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2022/nov/21/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](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-06-06/robbins-island-wind-farm-could-harm-parrot-population/101125474) - ABC News, 6 June 2022

['Worst it's ever been': a threatened species alarm sounds during the election campaign and is ignored](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/apr/25/worst-its-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](https://www.smh.com.au/environment/conservation/the-parrot-clawing-its-way-back-from-the-brink-one-nest-at-a-time-20220407-p5abk7.html) - 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](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-01-29/the-team-working-to-save-the-orange-bellied-parrot/100781954) - 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](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-12-28/endangered-orange-bellied-parrot-returns-to-tassie/13690692) - ABC News, 28 December 2021

[Orange-bellied parrot numbers are increasing in the wild, giving hope for the species' survival](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-12-27/orange-bellied-parrot-numbers-increasing/100715366) - ABC News, 27 December 2021

[Torquay locals pressure council to step up, hold developers accountable for environmental harm](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-12-06/report-finds-torquay-urban-wetlands-polluted-neglected/100642378) - ABC News, 6 December 2021

[Six Australian birds you may never have heard of and may not be heard from again](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/dec/02/six-australian-birds-you-may-never-have-heard-of-and-may-not-be-heard-from-again) - The Guardian, 1 December 2021

[Afternoons Interview - OBP](https://legacy.wildcaretas.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Afternoons-Interview-OBP.mp3) - 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](https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2021/apr/22/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](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/nov/11/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](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-08-17/orange-bellied-parrot-survival-falls-in-mystery-migration-deaths/12565744) - ABC News, 17 August 2020

[Orange-bellied parrots, all but extinct, survive Tasmanian summer only to die migrating](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/aug/17/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](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/aug/07/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](https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/ballarat-mornings/orange-bellied-parrot/12407974) - 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](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/apr/27/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](https://www.smh.com.au/national/wire-on-a-bird-tiny-backpack-radios-to-keep-track-of-rarest-parrot-20200427-p54nmx.html) - The Sydney Morning Herald, 27 April 2020