

OBP News and Information

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Since 19 June 2026, there have been too many news stories about the outbreak of H5N1 bird flu in Australia to keep this list of news stories up to date, so only news stories relating to the bird flu and Orange-bellied Parrots in Tasmania will be listed.

Please use this link to bring up all relevant news stories from the ABC - <https://www.abc.net.au/news/search?query=h5n1>
The search results will be in chronological order with the most recent first.

Renewable energy company wants to build 280-turbine wind farm on Tasmania's west coast, ABC News, 14 September

Tasmania begins vaccinating Orange-bellied Parrots against bird flu, Rare Bird Alert, 11 September

[Bird flu vaccinations begin for endangered Australian parrot](#) (YouTube) – ABS News, 3 September 2026

[Bird flu spreads in Tasmania as vaccination of orange-bellied parrots begins](#) – ABC News, 1 September 2026

[Orange-bellied parrots begin annual migration from Tasmania to mainland](#) – Pulse Tasmania, 12 June 2026

[Orange-bellied Parrot Flock Begins Annual Migration](#) – The National Tribune – 11 June 2026

[Orange-bellied Parrot flock begins annual migration](#) – media release from Guy Barnett, Minister for Environment and Climate Change, 11 June 2026

[Orange-bellied Parrot - Cornell Lab of Ornithology Birds of the World](#), added 3 April 2026

[Traditional Owners prepare Torres Strait for potential bird flu outbreak](#) - National Indigenous Times, 6 March 2026

[A computer simulation is helping to prepare Australia for H5 bird flu](#) - University of Melbourne, 2 March 2026

[Update on Heard Island's H5 bird flu outbreak](#) - Birdlife Australia, 27 February 2026

[Orange-bellied parrots on a journey back from the brink](#) – Birdlife Australia, 23 February 2026

[Gentoo penguins the first birds on Australian territory to contract H5N1 as bird flu spreads](#) – The Guardian, 17 February 2026

[Adelaide Zoo and Monarto Safari Park receive new biosecurity funding amid global bird flu concerns](#) – Glam Adelaide, 30 January 2026

[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 Mojonner, 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