# Threatened species/breeding waterbird colonies third party report





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## Instructions

Please complete this form if you have observed significant numbers of threatened species or breeding waterbird colonies at a wetland open to duck hunting and wish to make a third party report to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and the Game Management Authority.

Reports of significant numbers of threatened species or breeding waterbird colonies will be assessed to determine whether any further management of hunting is required at the relevant wetland (e.g. prohibition of hunting on the wetland, or part thereof; prohibition of hunting from a motorboat; signage to increase awareness; etc) to minimise any adverse impacts on these species.

Please ensure all details are completed so that your report can be investigated. Please provide a contact phone number or email address so that we can get in touch with you if we need more information to verify your report.

Your report will be assessed by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and the Game Management Authority to determine the most appropriate action. Reports are triaged according to risk, and in line with resource availability. Factors considered include:

* the numbers of individuals of a threatened species present
* whether the species is at risk of being inadvertently shot because it looks like, or flocks with, game duck/s
* how susceptible a species is to hunting disturbance given their biology, conservation status and behaviour
* whether colonial breeding is occurring and the species and numbers involved
* how many hunters are likely to be present at the relevant wetland; and
* whether suitable refuge is available for the species nearby.

You will be informed of the outcome as soon as possible by email.

Completed forms can be emailed to: [wildlife.policy@deeca.vic.gov.au](mailto:wildlife.policy@deeca.vic.gov.au).

**Please ensure you include ‘third party report’ in the subject line so that your report can be considered promptly. Where possible, please also provide photos of the birds to assist with identification.**

### Reporter details

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| Name of person making report: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Organisation name (if applicable): | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Contact number: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Email address: | Click or tap here to enter text. |

### Observation details

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| Date observed: | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| Time observed: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Wetland name: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Wetland location (address or GPS coordinates): | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Species observed: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Number of each species observed: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Other observation details (e.g. colonial breeding waterbirds, specific location of birds in wetland etc.): | Click or tap here to enter text. |