

Review of SWIFFT (State Wide Integrated Flora & Fauna Teams)

1 December 2024 to 30 November 2025

This update provides an overview of SWIFFT activities for the last 12 months and builds on previous reports in 2015, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2023 and 2024. (See SWIFFT web site for these reports).

Financing of SWIFFT

SWIFFT has continued to operate on a very lean budget mainly supported through Federation University, Centre for eResearch and Digital Innovation (CeRDI).

Website Hosting and development - CeRDI in kind contribution

Website content – funding of \$7,200 from CeRDI to support website content (206 hrs supported @\$35/hr and 128 hrs voluntary).

Moth Tracker – In kind support from CeRDI re hosting and maintenance plus In-kind support from Zoos Victoria.

Whale Face - In kind support from CeRDI re hosting and maintenance plus in-kind support from Arthur Rylah Institute.

SWIFFT Seminars – no funding for 2025 resulting in no seminars.

CeRDI continues to maintain e-mail contact list but no newsletters for 2025.

SWIFFT Advisory Group (5 persons) – In-kind support from CeRDI, Zoos Victoria and three community members.

SWIFFT Seminars

For the first time since 2005 and with a continuous record of 79 previous SWIFFT seminars there were no SWIFFT seminars in 2025.

It was extremely disappointing that SWIFFT Seminars were put on hold for 2025. With no funding to support organising the seminars and limited capacity within the advisory group to organise the events it was decided to suspend the seminars until adequate funding is obtained.

SWIFFT Website

The SWIFFT website has been operating continuously since 2005 (20 years).

Total active website pages – 385 (threatened species pages - 84, Teams pages – 26, LGA pages – 121)

New species pages –



Murray Hardyhead
Critically endangered



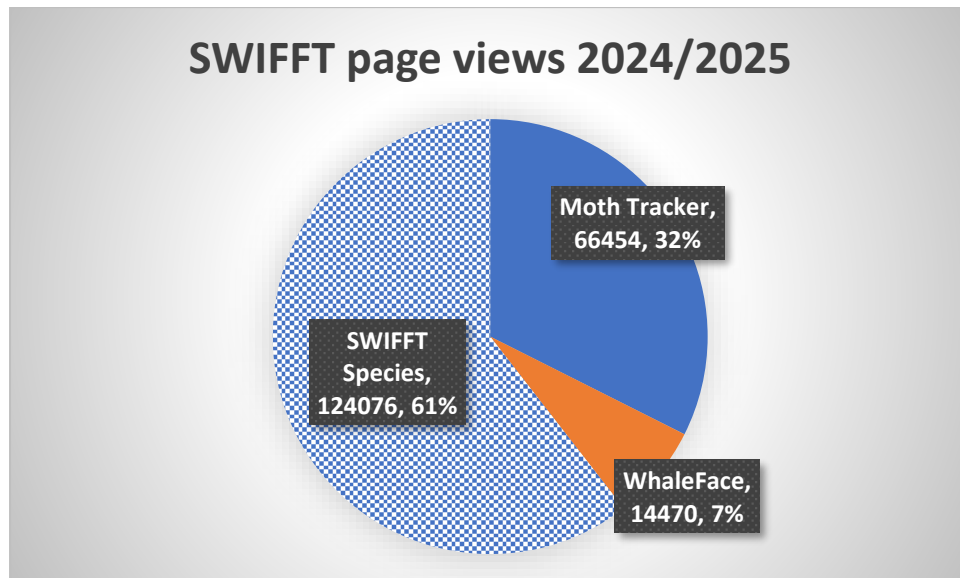
Wrinkled Buttons
Endangered

New project pages – Featherheads research, Koonya Grassy Swale restoration

Updates to SWIFFT pages – 116

SWIFFT Seminar Notes – remains at 58 seminar topics

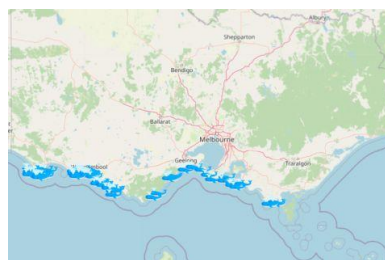
User engagement with SWIFFT website



Total page views – 205,000

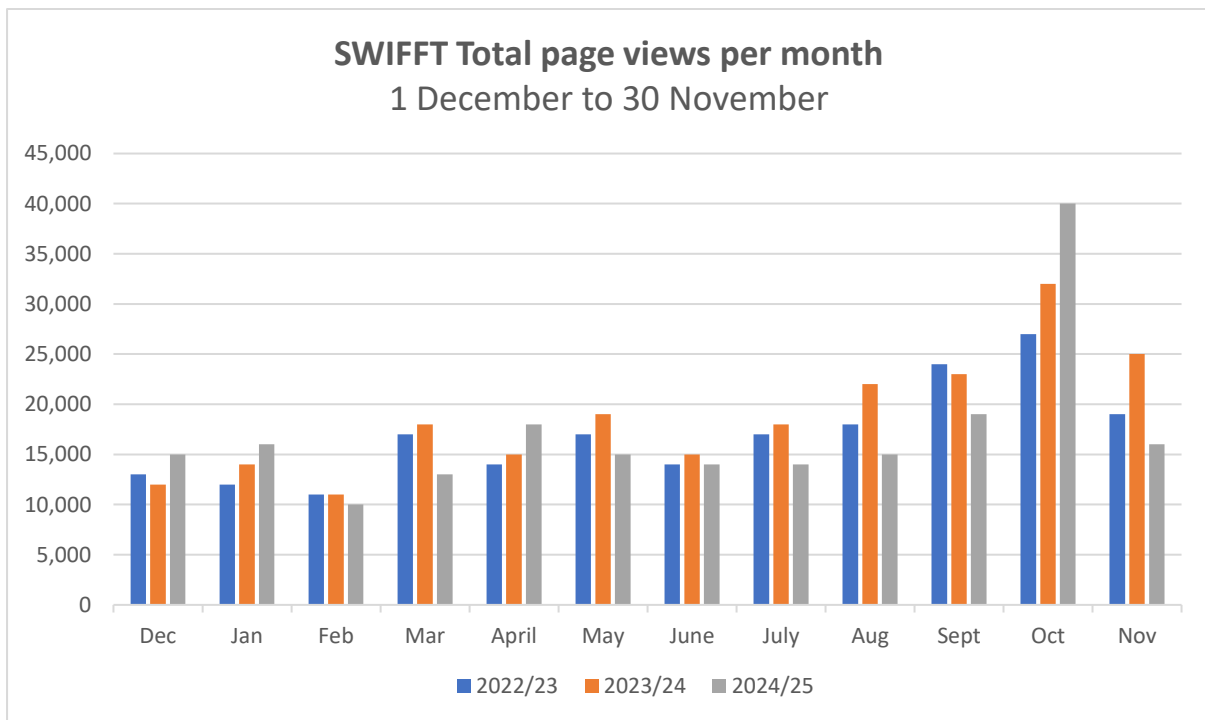
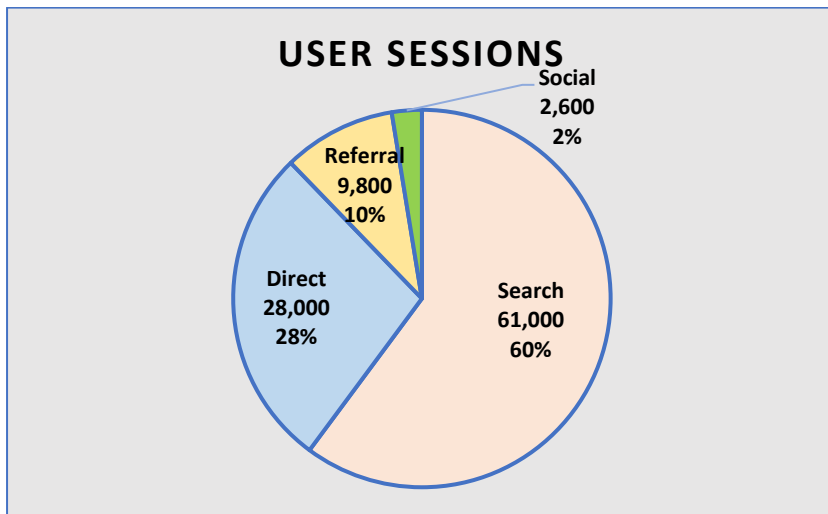
User engagement - 130,000 users

First visit users – 84,000

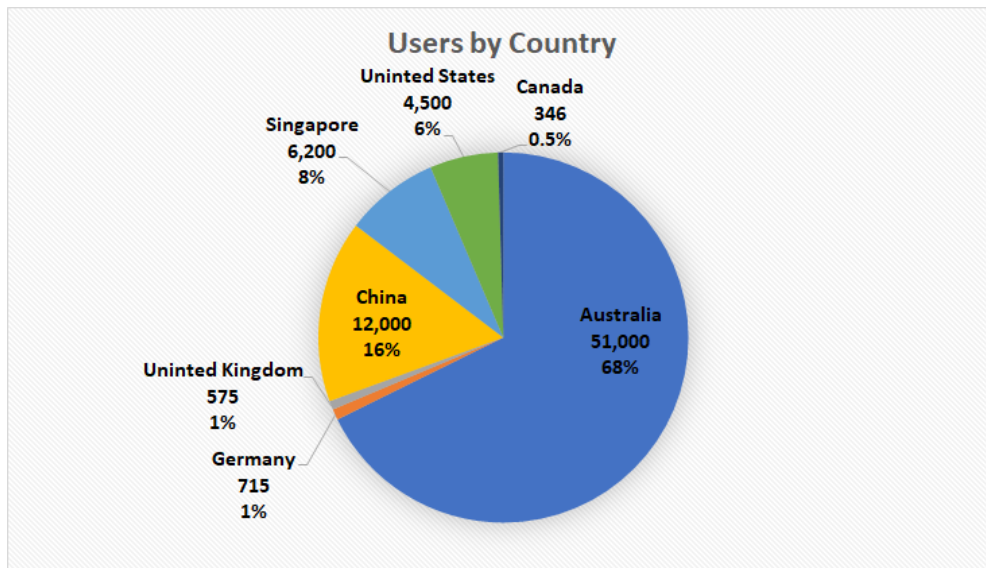


WhaleFace helps researchers and the community to better understand the movement of Southern Right Whales in Victoria.

How people find SWIFFT



An overall reduction in page views for 2024/2025 can possibly be attributed to no seminars being held in 2025. Seminars tend to attract more activity in terms of general awareness about SWIFFT and viewing the seminar notes.



Users by City in Australia

Melbourne	24,000
Sydney	10,621
Brisbane	4,050
Perth	1,853
Adelaide	1,843
Canberra	1,130
Hobart	757
Geelong	404
Newcastle	363
Central Coast NSW	347
Ashburton	314
Ballarat	307
Melton	303

Contact Us queries

The Contact Us feature on SWIFFT provides users with an opportunity to ask questions or share information on species and projects.

Responses were provided to 72 Contact Us requests with many relating to species questions on private land and observations made by the community.

Most popular species pages

SWIFFT species pages (>500 views)	
Brush-tailed Phascogale	3,439
Bush Stone-curlew	2,008
Red-tailed Black Cockatoo	1,758
Growling Grass Frog	1,661
Insectivorous bats	1,613
Grey Goshawk	1,556



*Brush-tailed Phascogale -
Most popular species page*

Powerful Owl	1,490
Orange-bellied Parrot	1,469
Southern Right Whale	1,233
Golden Sun Moth	1,176
Swift Parrot	1,114
Barking Owl	1,109
Fat-tailed Dunnart	1,046
Brolga	1,031
Woodland Blind Snake	1,014
King Quail	990
Spot-tailed Quoll	990
Swamp Skink	937
Swamp Antechinus	911
Giant Gippsland Earthworm	872
Squirrel Glider	838
Azure Kingfisher	809
Latham's Snipe	802
Turquoise Parrot	796
Southern Bent-wing Bat	789
Regent Honeyeater	785
Otway Black Snail	779
Grey-headed Flying Fox	744
Black Falcon	738
Striped Legless Lizard	721
Banksias	709
Eastern Barred Bandicoot	704
Southern Toadlet	694
Dwarf Galaxias	688
Hooded Robin	686
Diamond Firetail	660
Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby	635
Square-tailed Kite	623
Blue-billed Duck	615
Australasian Bittern	608
Southern Brown Bandicoot	607
Spiny Rice-flower	597
Brittle Star	588
Masked Owl	549
Regent Honeyeater	544
Plains Wanderer	525
Yarra Pygmy Perch	519
Brown Toadlet	516
Eltham Copper butterfly	515



SWIFFT species pages help raise awareness and understanding of species like the Bush Stone-curlew, highlighting conservation efforts vital for survival.

Local Government Area usage

LGA Threatened fauna and flora Landing pages

- Threatened fauna x Local Govt. 582
- Threatened flora x Local Govt. 565

LGA threatened fauna >500 page views	
Mornington Peninsula Shire	1,111
Yarra Ranges Shire	579
Knox City	540
Casey City	518
Greater Bendigo City	513

Views of other landing pages

- Explore 2,466
- Victorian Threatened flora & fauna 1,923
- Threatened species profiles 1,894
- Contact Us 1,245
- Observations -Shorebirds & Seabirds 1,347

Liaisons

- Phillip Island Nature Parks, Kowree Farm Tree Group and NCCMA re Bush Stone-curlew
- Glenelg Hopkins CMA, Nature Glenelg Trust & Chris Purnell, Birdlife re. Australasian Bittern projects
- West Gippsland CMA and Nature Glenelg Trust re. Australian Grayling
- Millewa Pumping - Iain Ellis, and Nature Glenelg Trust - Tessa Roberts, re Murray Hardyhead
- North Central CMA & Rosie Galea re Bush Stone-curlew captive breeding
- West Gippsland CMA - Stephanie Suter re Australian Grayling and flows
- Birdlife Australia- Rachel Farran Birdlife co-ord. re Red-tail Black-cockatoo
- Birdlife Australia - Renee Mead, Beach nesting birds
- Birdlife Australia - Finn Saurine re Hooded Plover
- Mallee CMA - Stephanie Robinson, projects
- Pantom Hill landholder - Dorothy Twalk re Lace Monitor
- Wildlife Unlimited, East Gippsland - Peter Rowland re projects
- Arthur Rylah Institute - Michael Scroggie re Growling Grass Frog
- Arthur Rylah Institute - Annette Muir re Banksia conservation
- Arthur Rylah Institute - Kasey Stamation re whale updates
- Royal Society – re future arrangements
- DEECA - Darcy Dahihe, re Handbook for renewable energy
- DEECA – Rani Hunt re Wrinkled Buttons
- Phillip Island Nature Parks - Duncan Sutherland
- Zoos Victoria - Nicola Bail re Bent-wing Bat Recovery Team
- Zoos Victoria - Estelle Van Honeydonk Re Bogong Moth project
- Zoos Victoria - Nick Bradsworth re Powerful Owl

- Biodiversity Innovations - Lisette Mills
- Bendigo Field Nats. Club - Karen Thomas
- Trust for Nature - Debbie Reynolds re Spiny Rice-flower
- La Trobe University - Susan Hoebee re Betka Bottlebrush research
- Deakin University - Rayleen Cooke re Powerful Owl
- Deakin Uni John White re Powerful Owl research papers and Long-nosed Potoroo surveys
- TREC Consultants - Graham Jury re Brown Toadlet



SWIFFT provides an efficient means of sharing knowledge relating to biodiversity and threatened species - linking science, information and the community.

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