



## About Gluepot Reserve

Gluepot is Australia's largest community operated conservation reserve, situated 64km north of Waikerie and the River Murray in South Australia's Riverland. Comprising 54,000ha of prime mallee country – much of it old growth – the Reserve is managed exclusively by volunteers with the aim of "effectively managing a large, internationally significant area for biodiversity conservation".

Amongst the 18 nationally threatened species of birds resident on Gluepot are the Black-eared Miner, Red-lored Whistler, Regent Parrot, Striated Grasswren, Major Mitchell Cockatoo and Malleefowl that are only a small section of the 197 bird species so far recorded. Gluepot is also home to 53 species of reptile and 12 species of bats (some of which are nationally threatened) and there are few areas of the world that support such a concentration of threatened species.

## Accommodation at Gluepot

Although accommodation is available at Waikerie, it is 64km away (1 ¼ hours travel) so we suggest you camp at the Reserve as your best option.

There are three camping grounds to choose from and you will need to be fully self-sufficient in regard to your camping equipment, water and food supplies.

The camping grounds provide well-spaced sites that are suitable for tents, caravans and vehicles. Toilets are provided at each camping ground but power is not available.

The Reserve has an excellent, well maintained track system suitable for 2WD vehicles and mountain bikes.

## Cost of Courses

The cost of each two-day course is \$99 plus booking fee and this covers: GST, morning tea (the Education Centre has its own kitchen/dining room) camping fees and any course hand-out materials.

Courses will generally commence at 9.00am on the Saturday, so it is suggested that course participants try to arrive at Gluepot on the Friday afternoon.

Courses will finish at about 4.00pm on the Sunday. Course participants are welcome to stay on at the Reserve, following the completion of courses.

## Further Information

Please note when travelling into the Riverland of SA there are quarantine restrictions for fruit and vegetables. Please go to: [www.quarantinedomestic.gov.au/destination-south-australia](http://www.quarantinedomestic.gov.au/destination-south-australia) for details.

For additional information, including a detailed brochure on each course and location map of Gluepot the following alternatives are available:

Detailed course brochures are available in 'Pdf' format on the Gluepot Reserve website at: [www.gluepot.org](http://www.gluepot.org)

All course registrations and payments are through [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) ; simply search for the name of each course to register and make payments.

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## Environmental Education Courses 2019

## Getting to Know Reptiles

9 & 10 March 2019

**Facilitator: Dr Mark Hutchinson**

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/429301>

A short course on the basics of observing and identifying lizards and snakes in arid environments. The course will run for two days. It will be aimed at anyone who has an interest in observing nature and would like to improve their abilities in finding and identifying reptiles. The course will include a lecture on lizard and snake essentials, especially the roles that temperature and humidity play in determining activity levels. In addition it will have a workshop on identification and making the best of the available reference books. Field activities will include both day and night observation. Aspects of lizard photography will also be included.

## An Introduction to Macro Photography

23 & 24 March 2019

**Facilitator: Mark Newton**

To Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/429324>

Macro photography is more popular today than ever before due to the digital era. People shoot macro for many reasons, you may want to capture the fine detail of an insect wing, or record images of tiny species for research or general interest, with macro there are no boundaries and no matter where you go you will always find subjects to study, your backyard alone could keep you busy for years. The course has a structured layout that will teach you the important aspects of this specialised area, including equipment, lighting, camera and flash settings. You will also be introduced to focus stacking to obtain maximum depth of field and image quality.

## Painting Nature

7 & 8 September 2019

**Facilitator: Wendy Jennings**

To Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/431909>

Bring nature to life in front of your eyes. If you have ever had the desire to paint or draw our wonderful birds, animals, plants or insects, then this is the course for you. We will talk about wildlife illustration, and what you as individuals would like to achieve. We may collect items from close to camp or you could bring interesting photos of birds or animals, plants, rocks or wood pieces with you. I will supply some reference books and ideas as well. The workshop is open to all students regardless of their age and painting experience. A variety of techniques using watercolour, gouache, acrylic, pen and pencil will be explored. By the end of this workshop you will have found a style that suits you and let you progress into satisfying illustrations of nature. You will not have large masterpieces, but lots of examples to remind you of techniques, and encourage you to continue at home to develop your own style of painting.

## An Introduction to Scientific Botanical Illustration

14 & 15 September 2019

**Facilitator: Bronwyn Bean**

To Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/431905>

An Introduction to Scientific Botanical Illustration will provide you with knowledge and practical experience to create your own scientific botanical illustrations. The two day workshop will take you step by step through the process of creating an illustration, from a beginner's level. It will focus on drawing and painting techniques, aims and components of an illustration. No prior drawing experience is necessary. The workshop aims to introduce participants to the beauty and enjoyment of botanical illustration. Participants will gain an understanding of scientific botanical illustration: History, advantages and applications; Components including use of dissections and annotation; Techniques and materials used; Create a scientific botanical illustration.

## An Introduction to Birds and Bird Watching

21 & 22 September 2019

**Facilitator: John Gitsham**

To Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/431913>

An 'Introduction to Birds and Bird Watching' will take you step by step through the techniques and basic knowledge you will need to get more out of your birding. Birdwatching is fun, educational and healthy and the two-day workshop, covering theories and issues of bird watching, will include two guided trips around some of the best birding locations on Gluepot Reserve. The workshop will provide you with clear interpretation and guidance that will assist you to develop your bird watching skills, and thus obtain the most enjoyment from this fascinating pastime and hobby.

## An Introduction to Bird Banding

28 & 29 September 2019

**Facilitator: Luke Ireland**

To Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/431916>

If you are interested in birds and would like to learn more about how to study them, this course will show you how. In addition to classroom work, you will spend most of your time in the field learning how and where to set mist nets. You will be able to handle birds and experience the excitement of determining the species, age and sex of birds and will be shown the fine detail that determines a correct identification. You will also learn the correct method for banding, weighing, measuring and data collection for each bird you catch. Importantly, you will learn about the vital role that banding plays in bird research.

## Cathemeral Kids Campout

5 to 7 October 2019

**FREE Family Nature Campout**

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/429328>

Would you like to learn how ecologists catch, identify and study our unique Australian wildlife? And are you interested in camping in a beautiful mallee location with a group of young families? Come along and enjoy this free nature education course at Gluepot Reserve, a special mallee reserve run entirely by dedicated volunteers. The campout is aimed at children aged between 5 and 13, with parent participation. Participants will learn how to identify reptiles, birds, bats and ants with expert ecologists while sharing the family adventure camping in a remote mallee reserve dedicated to the conservation of our threatened mallee birds. There will be organised day and night activities for the whole family, with plenty of time to explore the 50,000 ha reserve with your own family.

## An Introduction to Nature Photography

19 & 20 October 2019

**Facilitator: Mark Newton**

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/429332>

This course will be aimed at both beginners to nature photography as well as those with some degree of experience who might like to improve the quality of their images. It will consist of structured lectures along with practical sessions designed to put what you will learn into practice and enhance the experience. Although most people use digital cameras these days, the techniques and principles discussed will apply to film cameras, as well, in most instances. Topics covered include the following: Overview of Nature Photography; Understanding your camera and camera basics; Basic composition for maximum impact; Useful equipment; Camera settings for different situations; Lighting techniques and; Basic editing.

## A Beginners Guide to Mallee Vegetation at Gluepot

2 & 3 November 2019

**Facilitator: Chris Lill**

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/429335>

The plants which grow in the Mallee are some of the most remarkable in the world with characteristics that allow them to flourish in poor soils, extremes of temperature, fire and drought. Gluepot has a range of mallee vegetation associations with over 200 species recorded. During the weekend we will familiarise you with a range of plants and plant groups, and suggest strategies to help you to identify plants in the field. We will also explore strategies to help remember botanical names. This course comes with a complimentary copy of the hand book *The Mallee in Flower*.