Melbourne is home to platypus!



Platypus live in the Yarra, Maribyrnong, Werribee, Dandenong and Westernport catchments. To find out where platypus are near you, check out where other people have been reporting their sightings on platypusSPOT.org

Melbourne Water works to enhance platypus habitat, supply environmental water flows and conduct regular platypus surveys. However, some platypus populations are very small and we need the community's help to protect them.



If you see a platypus we would love to know!

Please go to platypusSPOT.org or download the platypusSPOT app to report your sighting and add to our knowledge of

platypus in Melbourne, so that we can continue to protect this iconic species.

For more information please visit:

melbournewater.com.au/platypus

If you would like to receive information on upcoming events, please email waterwatch@ melbournewater.com.au and request to be added to the platypus newsletter list



Bird features like the duck bill

venom & eggs

Reptile features like Mammal features like fur & milk





You can help our platypus



of all platypus found in our surveys are entangled in litter



You can protect platypus from entanglement by snipping all circular items before disposal and picking up litter such as hair ties or rubber bands.



Walking your dog is a great way to spot platypus and share this sighting on the platypusSPOT app. Keep dogs on a leash around waterways, to prevent them from disturbing or attacking platypus.

Practise responsible fishing by avoiding the use of illegal yabby nets and correctly dispose of fishing line to avoid platypus entanglement. Refer to vfa.vic.gov.au for fishing regulations.

Protect our waterways and bays by putting rubbish in the bin. Litter ends up in our waterways via stormwater drains.









