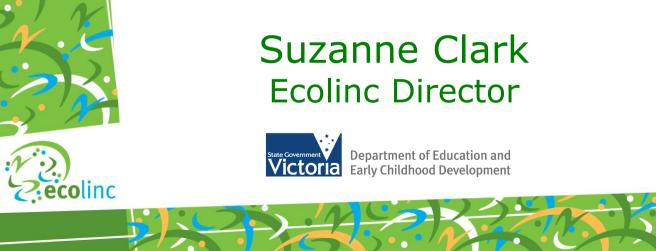


Using the ALA spatial portal to map plant and animal distributions across bioregions





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- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD)
- Bacchus Marsh College
- Federation University, Australia
- Moorabool Shire Council
- Department of Environment and Primary Industries
- University of Melbourne





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Major awards

- 2009 Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Award
- 2009 Savewater Award Winner Educational Institutions
- 2007 School Design Award
- 2007 Savewater Award Finalist Regional Business
- 2006 Master Builders Award
- 2005 Savewater Award Winner Educational Programs
- 2005 Royal Australian Institute of Architects Awards
- 2005 RAIA Victorian Awards















Ecolinc Curriculum Programs

- Ecolinc provides a comprehensive range of environmental educational programs for F-10 and VCE including Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Physics.
- Ecolinc's new website maps all F-10 programs to the Australian Curriculum with extensive information on all programs.
- In addition to onsite programs, Ecolinc also offers a range of online and offsite outreach programs.
- A range of teacher professional learning is conducted each term.





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Welcome to Ecolinc

Welcome to Ecolinc's new website, designed to provide P-12 students, teachers and community members with an integrated overview of Ecolinc's onsite, offsite and online curriculum programs.

Ecolinc is an established Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) Science Specialist Centre focusing on the development and delivery of innovative educational programs addressing environmental sustainability.

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BWVP approved sightings now exported to the ALA

All approved plant and animal sightings made via the BWVP Flora and Fauna Field Guide app and website will now be exported to the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) website.

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Completed BWVP to be launched during Education Week 2014

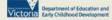
The final BWVP web based learning objects are nearing completion.

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Ecolinc/ClimateWatch Online Trail

Ecolinc in collaboration with ClimateWatch has produced an online field guide and trail for the Ecolinc wetland/grassland, which can be used in conjunction with the ClimateWatch app.

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Learning Objects

This site has been developed as an online outreach curriculum program for primary and secondary students and community members, focusing on the biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains. The site will eventually contain seven online learning objects. Each learning object will focus on a specific aspect of biodiversity including plant and animal identification, grassland foodwebs, mapping of species, assessment and mapping of plant quadrats and an investigation of the ongoing threats to species by managing grassland ecosystems, consulting with experts, undertaking real and virtual grassland excursions and completing an interactive quiz. Each learning object will be accompanied by comprehensive student and teacher resources.

The key outcome of this online outreach curriculum program is for students, teachers and community members to be actively involved in an appreciation and understanding of the importance of biodiversity and grassland habitats, which may then encourage the active protection and management of biodiversity and ecosystems.

We hope that you enjoy using this site. We have also developed a Field Guide app, which can be dowloaded by clicking the link below.

Biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains Flora and Fauna Field Guide iPhone and iPad app

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Biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains

- A new online outreach program focusing on the flora, fauna and management of grasslands within the Western Volcanic Plains (Southern Volcanic Plain bioregion).
- BWVP consists of seven online learning objects, with accompanying student and teacher resources available for each.
- The BWVP Flora and Fauna Field Guide app and website were launched in June 2013.
- Quadrats Online and Grassland Food Webs were launched in September/November 2013.
- Managing Grassland Ecosystems, Talk with the Experts and the Virtual Excursion to Mt Rothwell will be launched in June 2014.

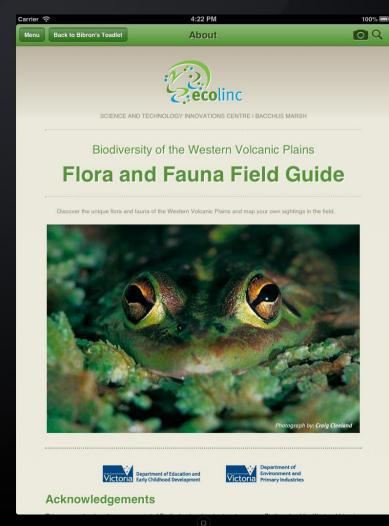
BWVP Flora and Fauna Field Guide App

- The BWVP Flora and Fauna Field Guide app enables students and community members to identify and map sightings of over 160 animals and over 250 plant species within ten ecological vegetation communities (EVCs).
- Sightings may be made using Apple mobile devices or the Ecolinc BWVP website.
- Approved sightings may be viewed on the BWVP website and are also available via the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) website.
- The Ecolinc BWVP website provides teaching resources and learning objects relevant to the biodiversity of grassland ecosystems.



















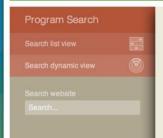








Flora and Fauna Field Guide App



Biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains Flora and Fauna Field Guide app

Discover the unique flora and fauna of the Western Volcanic Plains and map your own sightings in the field with Ecolinc's Biodiversity of the Western Volanic Plains Flora and Fauna Field Guide app.



Transcript

The flora and fauna of the Western Volcanic Plains, Victoria, Australia is unique with many species endemic to ecosystems within this bioregion. Over 160 animals and over 250 plant species are comprehensively described, most with multiple images taken within the natural habitat of the species. Identifying animal calls are provided with distribution maps including both past and current sightings recorded by the Atlas of Living Australia.



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Field Guide





This app is designed for both iPhone and iPad

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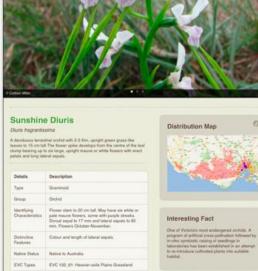
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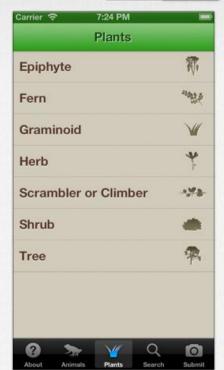
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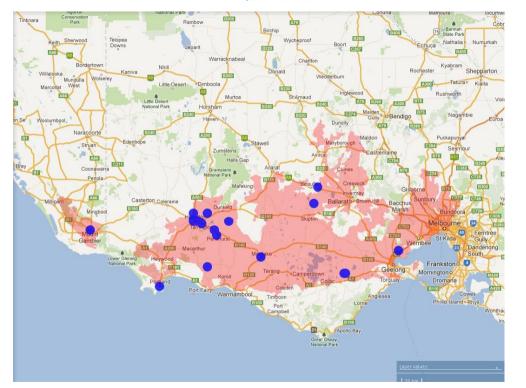






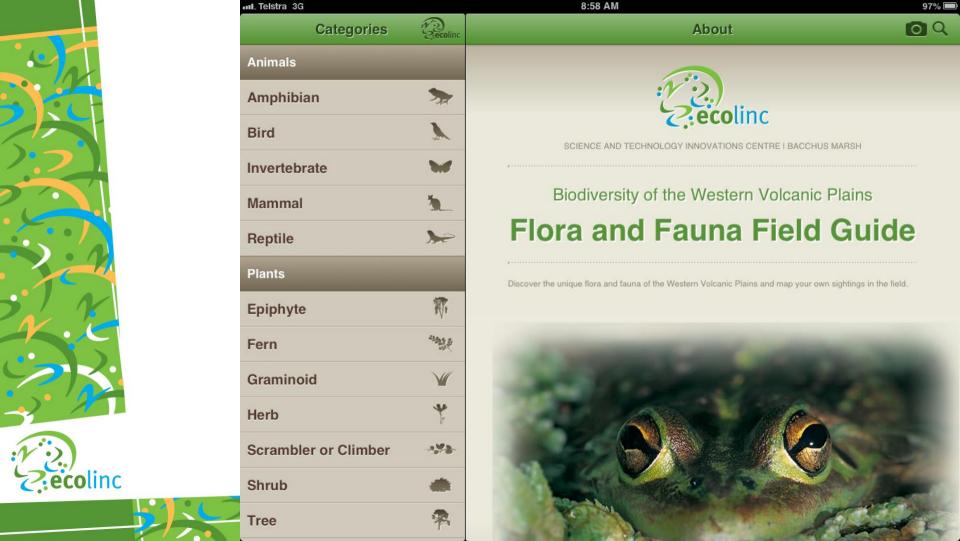
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Perameles gunnii 16/08/2012



Distribution maps were constructed using the ALA spatial portal. Both historic and recent sightings are indicated, based on museum and herbaria records.

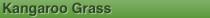








Bromus catharticus



Kangaroo Grass

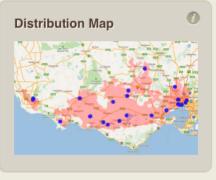
Perennial. Growth tends to be most vigorous in summer. This grass can become very dense (high biomass) and growth can block out other grasses and forbs. This grass is most healthy when it is occasionally reduced by burning, grazing or mowing, but it declines if overgrazed. Preferentially eaten by sheep. Seeds are eaten by birds and leaves are used as

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Type	Graminoid
Group	Grass
Identifying Characteristics	Grows as a tussock to 1.5 m tall and up to 1 m wide. Leaves are green to grey, 10-50 cm long and 2-5 mm wide. Dries to an orange-brown colour in summer. Flowers October-March.
Distinctive Features	Large orange to red-brown flower and seed heads (spikelets). Orange-brown leaves in summer.
Native Status	Native to Australia
EVC Types	EVC 55_61: Plains Grassy Woodland, EVC 55_63: Higher Rainfall Plains Grassy Woodland, EVC 132_61: Heavier-soils Plains Grassland, EVC 132_62: Lighter-soils Plains Grassland, EVC 649: Stony Knoll Shrubland
Life Form Group	Graminoid
Life Form	Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid

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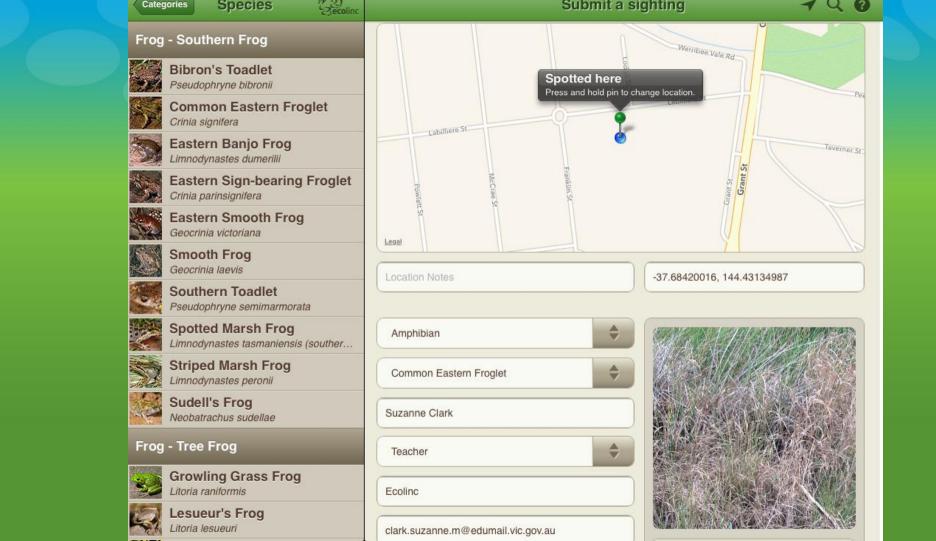


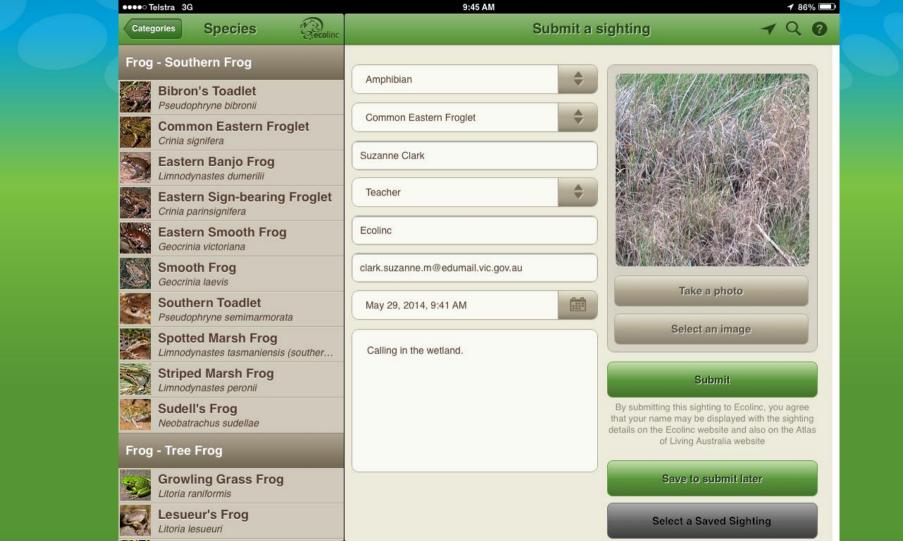
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A favoured food plant for caterpillars of the Common Brown butterfly Heteronympha merope.



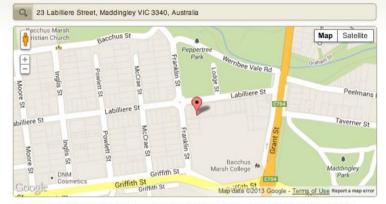




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Click and drag the marker to place it on where you spotted this species or use the search bar to search for your location.

Your sighting will be shown on the user sighting map on the animal page after it has been approved by the administrator.

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Email •	
clark.suzanne.m@edumail.vlc.gov.au	
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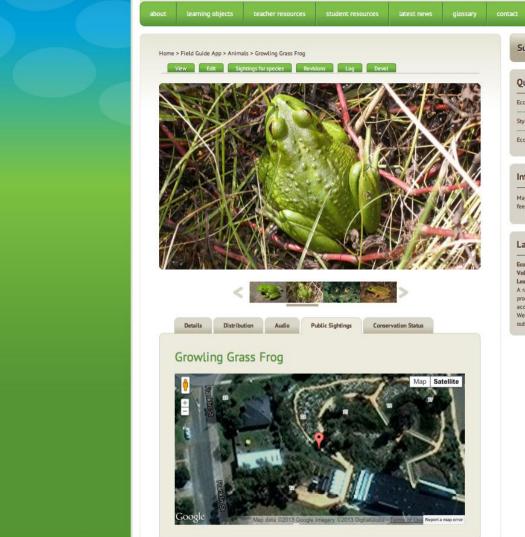


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Interesting Fact

May be observed during the day. Will feed with their head out of the water.

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Acronym: Ecolinc BWVP

Description

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The Biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains (BWVP) online educational program was funded by the DEECD and the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI). It includes the BWVP Flora and Fauna Field Guide app, which was launched in June 2013. The BWVP Flora and Fauna Field Guide is also available as a web-based learning object on the Ecolinc BWVP website.

As part of the BWVP project, students and community members are encouraged to learn more about native grasslands by identifying and making sightings of plants and animals within the Victorian Volcanic Plain.

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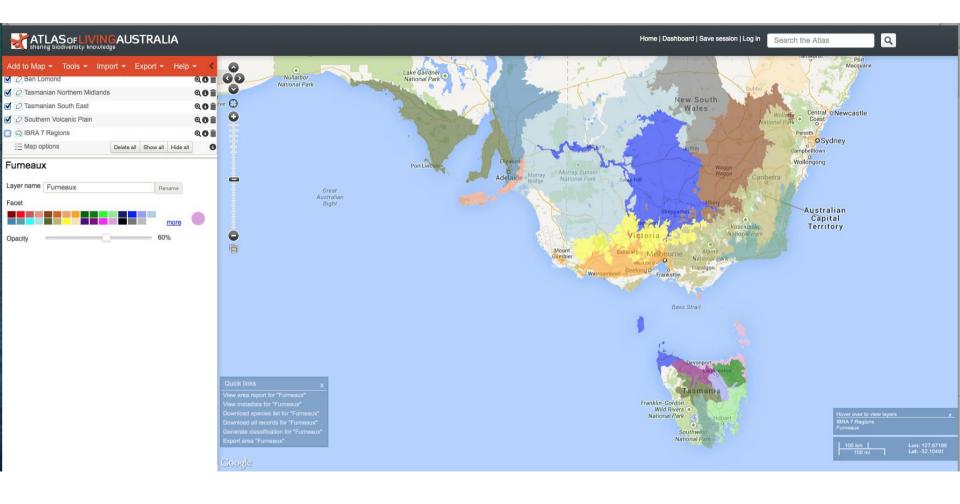
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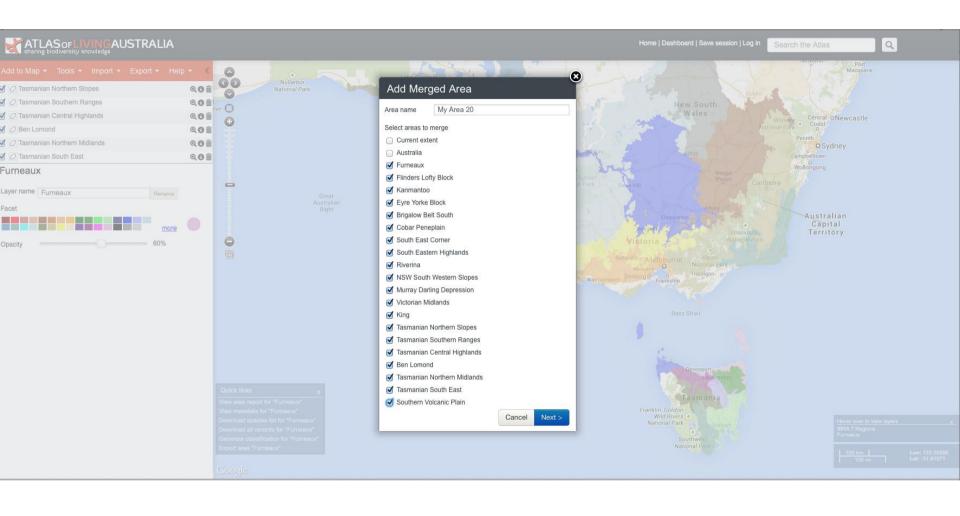
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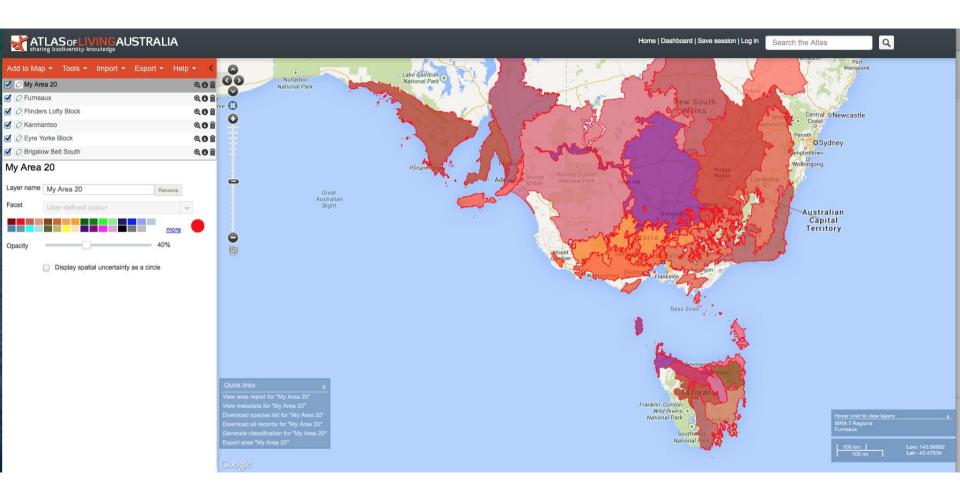
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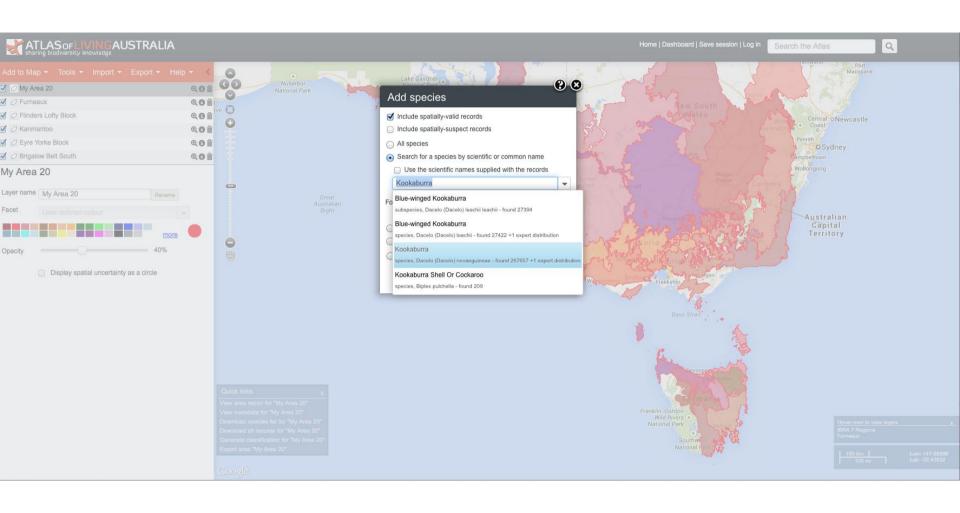
- Expansion of the current app to include grasslands of south eastern Australia, in collaboration with the University of Melbourne.
- Mapping of bioregions and species distributions will again be completed using the ALA spatial portal.
- The new app/website will include grassland species from 20 bioregions.

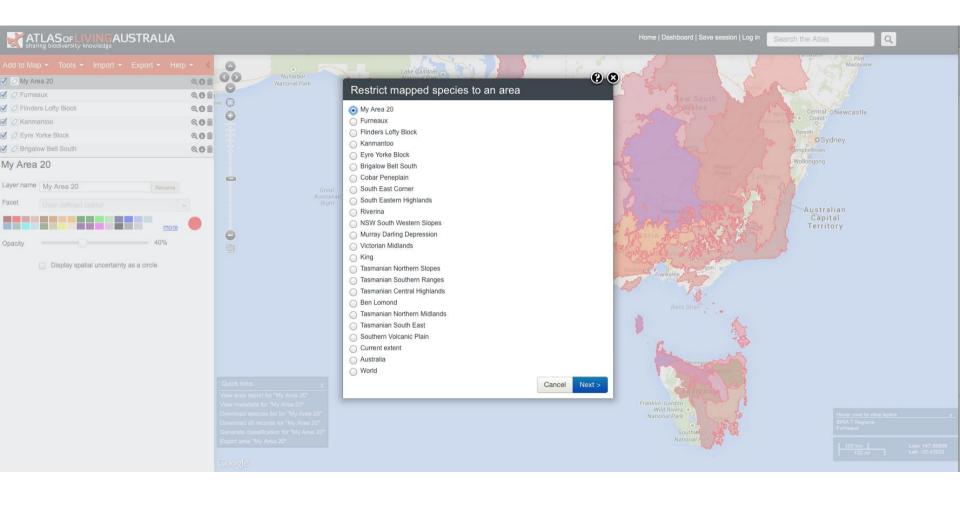


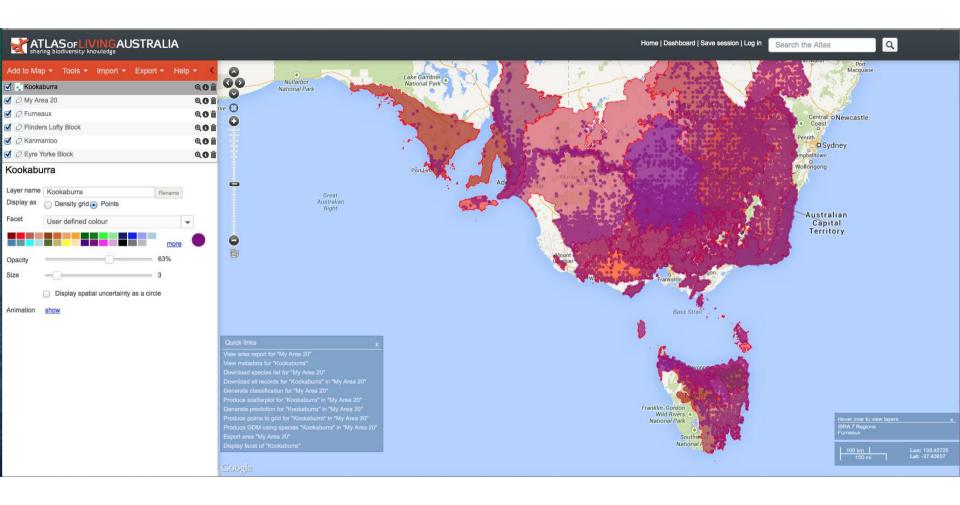












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