

JUNIOR RANGERS



REMARKABLE RIVER RED GUMS

A River Red Gum is a type of Eucalypt that's known to grow up to 45m in height (the same as a nine story building). They can live for over 500 years and like to grow alongside rivers and lakes or areas that are seasonally flooded.

River Red Gums make perfect habitats (homes) for many different animals. Older River Red Gums can have up to 300 hollows in the trunk and branches that make perfect homes for threatened species like the Superb Parrot, Brush-tailed Phascogale and Carpet Pythons. Even fish can live in these hollows when the trees are flooded by water! Many insects also live in the branches and hollows, often becoming food for the other animals.

INTERESTING RIVER RED GUM FACTS:

- Aboriginal people use the leaves of the River Red Gum as medicine
- The flowers of the River Red Gum help bees to make very tasty honey
- River Red Gums can live for over 500 years
- River Red Gums can handle being underwater for over three months
- River Red Gums survive drought by dropping leaves so they don't lose as much water through evaporation
- The tree hollows of River Red Gums make great homes for many different types of birds and animals
- Older River Red Gums can contain up to 300 tree hollows

River Red Gums are renowned for dropping branches, especially when you least expect it in calm, hot weather. Never camp or park your car underneath a River Red Gum just in case the tree falls or drops branches.



COLOUR IN THE RIVER RED GUM
AND THE ANIMALS THAT LIVE IN IT

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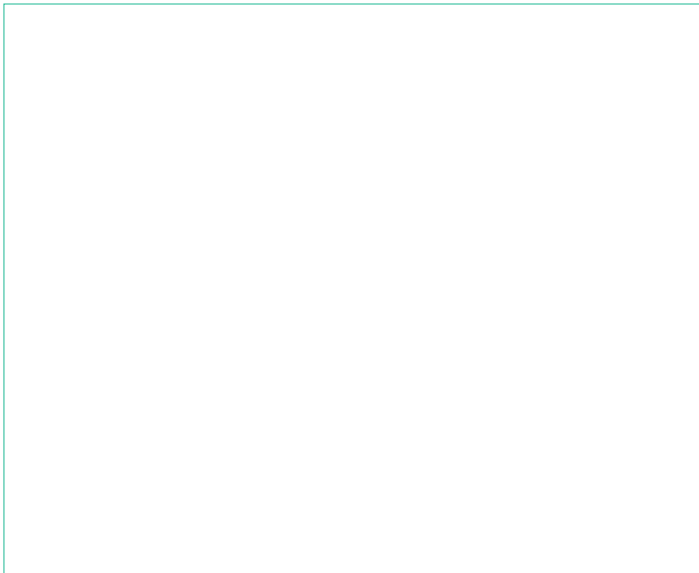


PROTECTING RIVER RED GUM PARKS FOR THE FUTURE

River Red Gums are a very popular source of timber for burning and building. Sadly, because of this, many of our Red Gum forests have disappeared over the last 200 years.

Parks Victoria's River Red Gum parks were established in 2010 and will help protect the largest remaining area of River Red Gum forest in the whole world!

IN THE SPACE BELOW DRAW AN ANIMAL THAT YOU HAVE SEEN IN A RIVER RED GUM TREE



FIND A WORD

Find the following words in puzzle below:

BANKS, BARMAH, COD, CAMPING, EMUS, EXPLORING, FORESTS, FUN, HERITAGE, PARKS, REDGUMS, RIVERS, WETLANDS

13 letters will remain that make up 2 secret words. List these letters in order of how they are found in the space below to discover the secret word.

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STUDY A RIVER RED GUM

Find a large River Red Gum with tree hollows:

- How many tree hollows can you count? _____
- How many different types of animals can you see in the tree? (Dusk can be a great time for spotting birds and animals in River Red Gums) _____
- Guess how high your tree is? _____ m
- How close is your tree to water? _____ m
- How many different colours can you see on the tree _____?

