

# Platypus & Rakali Monitoring Program

## 2021 Mid-Year Report

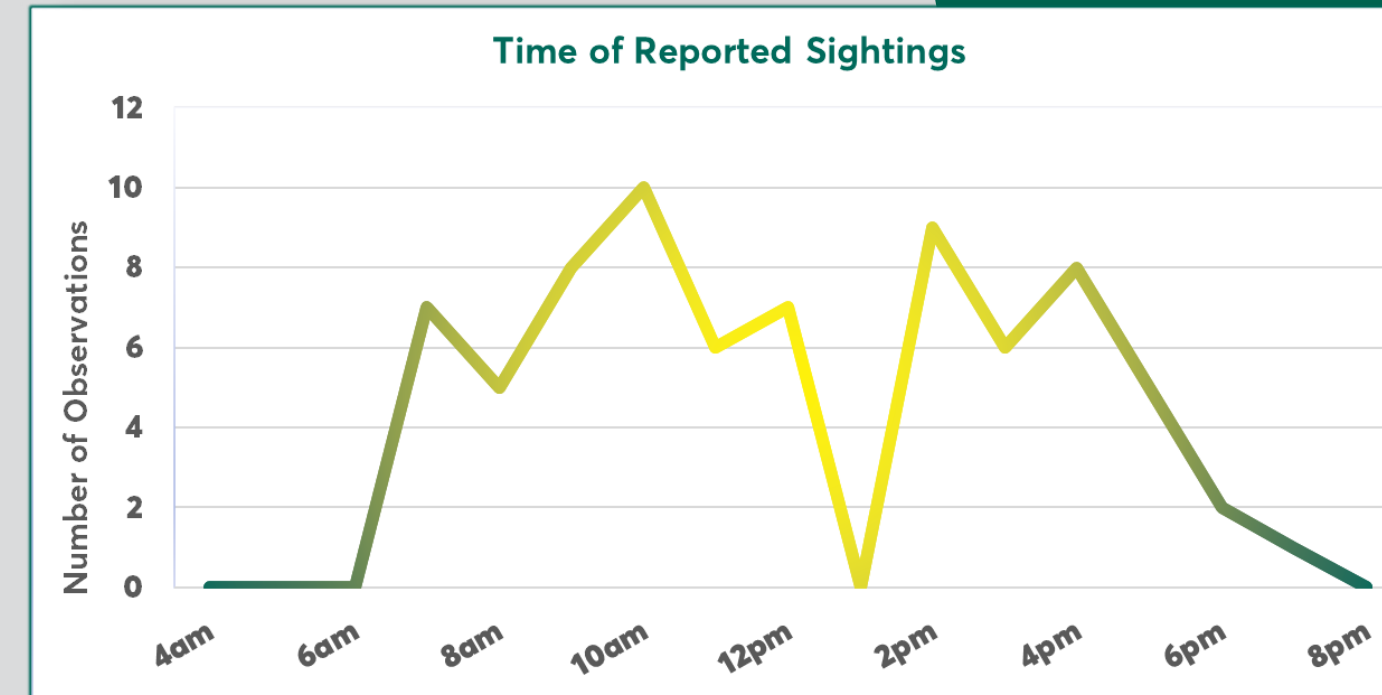
This year has seen a small decrease in sightings, but an increase in range across the QPRC region.

**Total Sightings:** **26 platypus** (44% decrease) and **55 rakali** (25% decrease)

- The number of participants has risen from 57 to 74 (77% increase)

There was a noticeable spike in rakali sightings after the March flood events in the area.

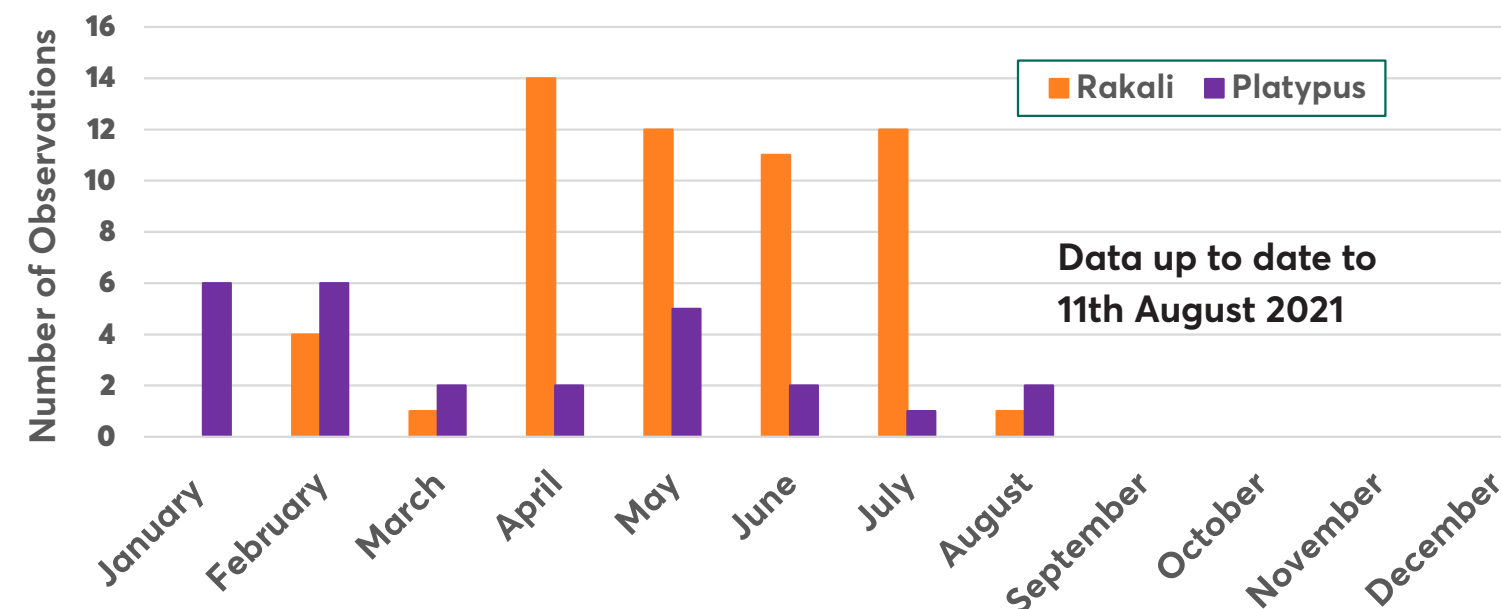
Platypus activity will increase from late winter as the breeding season begins.



Sightings are typically in the early morning and evening hours, but can occur throughout the day.



Platypus and Rakali Sightings by Month (2021)

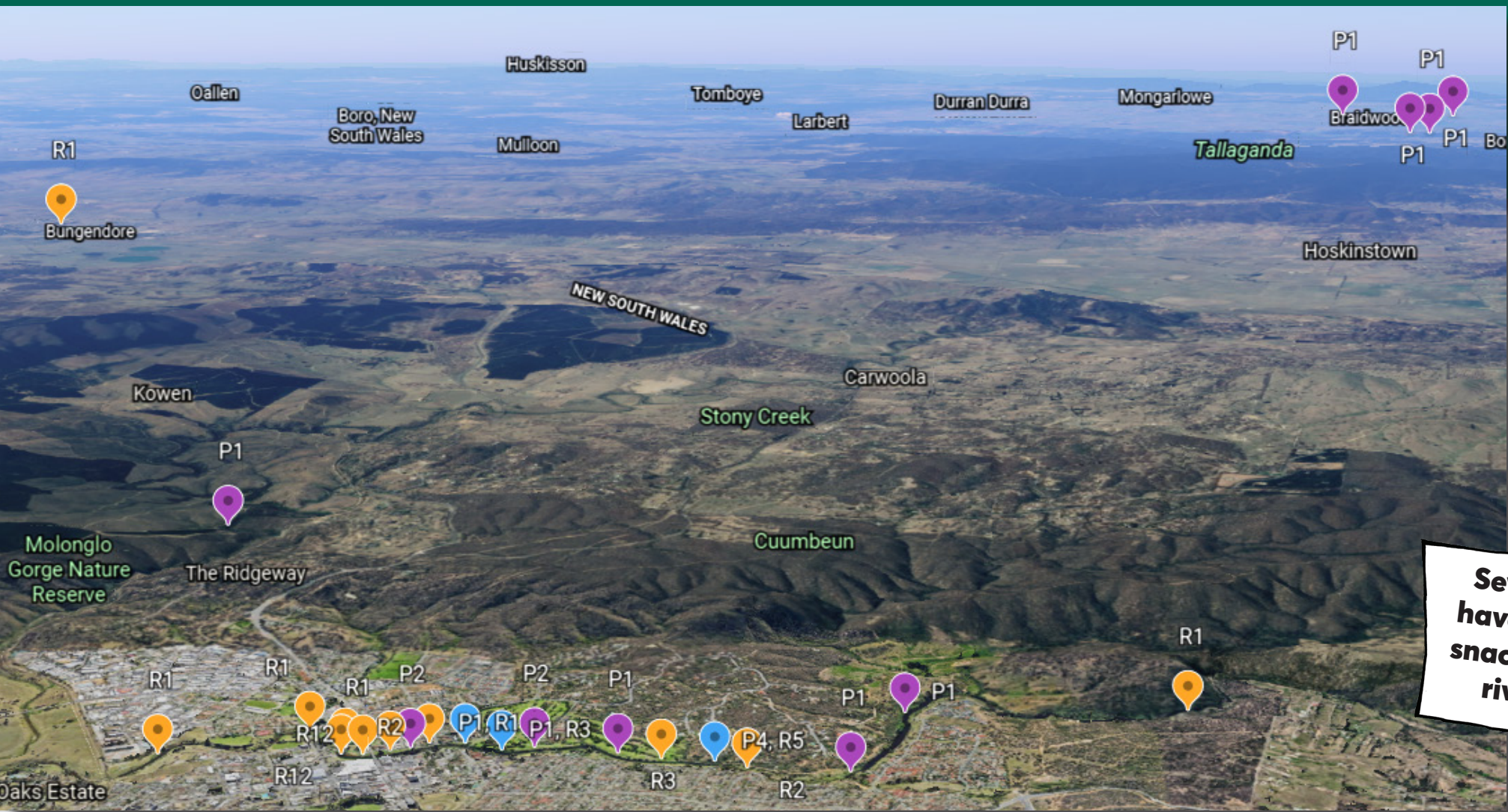


Rakali (above) - M. Rocks, May.  
Platypus (right) - B.Holley, February.  
Rakali (bottom right) - A.Brook, June.  
Platypus (bottom left) - Simone, August.





# The geographic spread of sightings continues to grow with recent sightings in Braidwood, Bungendore and other waterways...



Platypus walk - outdoor classroom near Glebe Park, 8th August hosted by Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch.

- 4 new sites reported
- 17 new participants
- 1 minor flood event (March 2021)



Rakali (above) - Simone, June 11.

Locations of reports:	Queanbeyan River	Turallo Creek	Shoalhaven River	
	Monkittee Creek	Bungendore Ponds	Murrumbidgee River	Molonglo Gorge (Molonglo River)
	Braidwood		Greenway	

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