

Wild Dog Creek

Characteristics:

Type of Estuary: River
Landscape Zone: Otway Coast
Catchment Area:
Estuary Area:
Estuary Length:
River Length: 14.516 km
Mouth Direction: East facing
Mouth State: Intermittently Open
Location: 143°41'7.3388" E
38°44'7.2984" S
**Distance from
Apollo Bay:** 2.578 km North East



Supplementary Data:

Estuary Watch
(P-Chem Data / Physical Observations)
<http://www.estuarywatch.com.au/>

Colac Otway Shire Council
<http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/>

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Special Attributes

Zones:

- 55% of the catchment zoned as Public Conservation & Resource
- 45% of the catchment zoned as Environmental Rural

Overlays:

- Erosion management.
- Special building.
- Wildfire management.



Estuarine Vegetation

EVC Name	Area (Ha) (Approx.)	Geographic Occurrence	Conservation Status
Coastal Dune Scrub / Coastal Dune Grassland Mosaic	24.32	N/A	Depleted
Coastal Headland Scrub	0.57	Naturally Restricted	Depleted
Riparian Forest	4.28	Naturally Restricted	Least Concern
Cool Temperate Rainforest	119.32	Rare	Endangered
Wet Forest	3482.38	Common	Least Concern
Shrubby Wet Forest	482.98	Common	Least Concern
Shrubby Foot-hill Forest	50.41	Common	Least Concern

Key Management Issues:

Australian Grayling: The fish species with the greatest conservation need in the Otway region.

Significant Fauna: Rufous Bristlebird - Lives in and amongst dense coastal heaths, tall thickets and wet forests. Status: Rare.

Longitudinal Continuity: Approximately 2/3 of the reach is within State Forest and is densely vegetated.

Fish Migration: Australian Grayling is diadromous and must therefore migrate between the sea and freshwater.

Sites of Significance: Wild Dog Creek Gorge - Regional Significance: The geological structures and the physiography of the area are clear examples of the tectonic and erosional processes that have shaped much of the Otways coast.