





The animals of Moreland's creeks

Rocky Knoll Habitat

Who lives there?

Fat tailed dunnart: This cute little marsupial is a near threatened species state-wide. It has very large ears, pointy snout and a short tail which holds fat deposits prior to winter. It uses these fat deposits to survive when food is scarce. This nocturnal dunnart loves sheltering under rocks, logs and down cracks in the ground. It mostly eats insects, and perhaps due to this is threatened by insecticides in the Merri and Moonee Ponds creeks. It is also threatened by foxes and cats. The fat-tailed dunnart doesn't need to drink water as it gets all its water from its food!

Yellow rumped thornbill: This small bird is mostly grey/olive in colour, with a distinctive yellow rump and black feathers on its head. It loves feeding on the ground especially in open areas that have some trees and shrubs. In the homes of the Merri and Moonee Ponds creeks, it is threatened by introduced predators, mostly cats.

Bougainville's skink: Around 10cm long with a distinctive black stripe running along both sides of its body. Loves open grassy habitats with rocks and logs it can sun on and hide under. Threatened by foxes and cats.

How to help these animals?

Make sure you keep your cats inside at night.
Keep your eyes out and you might be able to see a stony knoll creature!

Information gathered from

Merri Creek Management Committee <http://bit.ly/rockyknoll>
Bush Heritage <https://bit.ly/dunnart>

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Try reading '[Creek Life: Flora and Fauna of the Merri Creek Valley](#)'
by [Brett Marshall and Brian Bainbridge](#)