

6. WATER BIRDS

- This is a great spot to observe some of the water birds of Loch Luna. All have adapted different ways to live and feed in a watery environment. Look at their many types of beaks and feet!

7. INSECT LIFE

The next bit of the trail may be tricky. During low water levels you may even have to push your canoe through here! Slushy and lots of fun! (Wear something on your feet please.) This area is a great place to hear frogs, spot dragonflies and water Striders. Water Striders love shady areas. Look for long-legged insects that glide over the water.

8. WATER PLANTS

- Everywhere you paddle in the shallow water you will find water plants. Some float and others grow up from the bottom. Scoop up some to examine it. You have a handful of river-friendly workers!

9. SILENT SPOT

- Need a rest? Sit absolutely quiet for 2 minutes close to the reeds a listen for all the different sounds. Can you match them to any of the animals around the page?

10. SUGARLOAF HILL

Only 150 years ago, and for many thousands of years before that, Aboriginal people called this place home. Many of the plants and animals we have seen today were a part of their lifestyle and diet.

Today, the original Aboriginal people have gone. But, as you can see, the Chambers creek wetlands is a haven for wildlife in amongst a landscape very changed by cultivation.



Chambers Creek

CANOE TRAIL

LOCH LUNA GAME RESERVE

Wetlands are places of delight and wonder and Chambers Creek is a perfect example of this. While experiencing this captivating oasis take the opportunity to take in the diverse environment that surrounds it.



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1. DEAD TREES

- What is one of the first things you notice in Chambers Creek? Dead River Gum trees? They were drowned when the river flow was regulated by locks. Now the Hollows are important nesting sites and their branches excellent perches.



2. REEDS

- Do you notice a high density housing complex around here? No? Look again. The dense reeds, bulrushes (also known as Cumbungi or Typha), and sedges in front of you are shelter and nesting sites for many water birds.

3. WISTLING KITES

- The straggly stick nests high in the dead trees belong to the Whistling Kite. Their loud whistle sounds something like 'ak ak ak peow'. How would you describe it?

4. TERMITES

- Have you noticed brown patches on some of the dead trees? Paddle up and scratch it. These are signs of termites. It is believed the termites make their way underground or float to a dead tree and then begin a long feast.

5. WATER ANIMALS

- Look closely for holes in the bank. They may be yabbies or even a water rat. Yabbies live in water-filled burrows until the river floods when they spread out over the flood plain. Water rats are one of only two native mammals that are truly aquatic (the other is the platypus). The long-neck turtle is another animal of Chambers Creek. The neck of this reptile is longer than its shell! Look for its nose breaking the surface of the water.

