



# SUPERB CITY WRENS

## Help us find our Fairy-wrens! Do a 15-minute wren-watch in Melbourne

We're inviting people in the City of Melbourne to be part of an urban bird bioblitz from the **24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November**. Superb Fairy-wrens (sometimes called "blue wrens") and other small birds are declining in cities. Local councils, land managers and community groups across Greater Melbourne are working to bring them back into our parks and gardens.

You can help! By doing "wren-watches" during the bioblitz week you can help us find out where these little birds are hiding across the city and understand more about what type of landscape they need to thrive.

### How to Wren-watch

1. Download the iNaturalist app to your phone and make an account. Search for the "Superb City Wrens" project and click "join".
2. Pick a location! This can be anywhere – your backyard, a park, even a local street OR you can choose one of the priority locations in your area below (check the map too).
3. Once you are at your wren-watch location, start a 15-minute timer and look for any small birds!
4. When you see a bird, open iNaturalist and record the sighting using the "+" button. If you get a photo, that's great, but you can also add a sighting with "no media".
5. Put the bird species ID in the "What did you see?" box, and don't forget to add it to "Superb City Wrens" in the project box.
6. Stop after 15 minutes. If you saw no birds at all, please record this as an "absence" in the "What did you see" box as it's important information too!

### Places to look (check on the map too):

- Royal Park
- Princes Park and Melbourne Cemetery
- Westgate Park
- Moonee Ponds Creek



Male Superb Fairy-wren



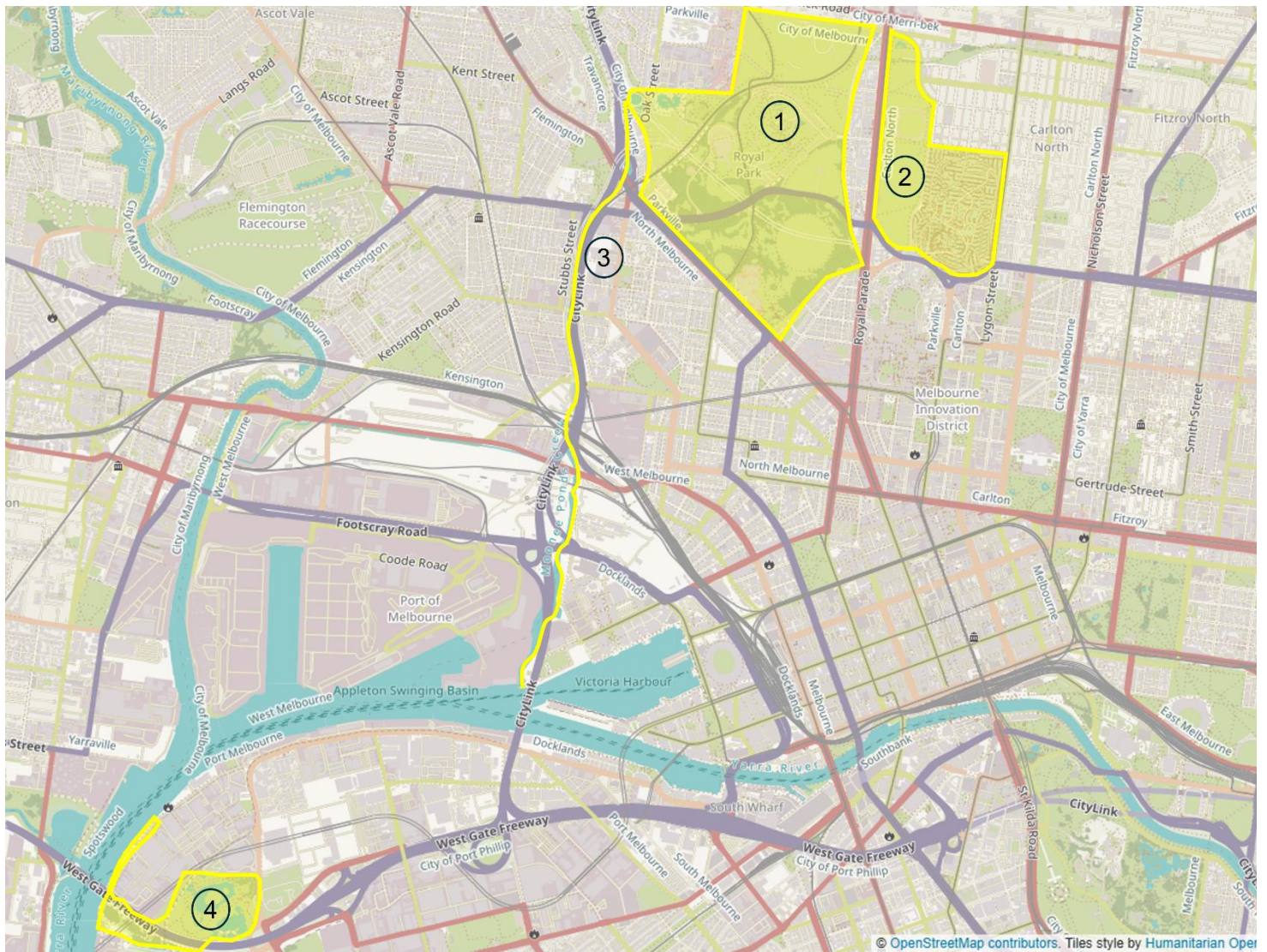
Female Superb Fairy-wren



For more information about the project, go to [superbcitywrens.com](https://superbcitywrens.com)

Free lunchtime webinar [link here](https://tinyurl.com/56a9h5xx) or <https://tinyurl.com/56a9h5xx>

Join us online at 12:30pm Weds 27<sup>th</sup> November to learn more!



### Important places in the City of Melbourne to hunt for small urban birds:

1. Royal Park – anywhere in Royal Park, but especially around the Trin Warren Tam-Boore wetland, vegetation around Melbourne Zoo and Australian Native Garden
2. Princes Park & Melbourne Cemetery – especially vegetation along the Inner Circle Rail Trail and shrubs within the Cemetery
3. Moonee Ponds Creek – anywhere along the creek is great!
4. Westgate Park – anywhere in Westgate Park