

Hooded Plovers

These small black capped birds spend their entire life on the beach. Small nests in the sand are made over the summer months above the high tide mark. They are easily disturbed and less than 10 chicks survive each year making them threatened with extinction.

You can help them survive by:

- Staying away from breeding sites over the summer.
- Informing others of threats to nesting Hooded Plovers and asking them to keep their distance.
- Join Hooded Plover Watch with Phillip Island Nature Parks.



Short-tailed Shearwaters

Phillip Island is home to 5-8 percent of the world's population of these migrating birds. They breed in burrows around the coast in the summer months and fly to the northern hemisphere over the winter.

You can help:

- Shearwaters are often killed by wandering dogs so please keep your dog on a lead and stay out of colony areas.
- Confine your dog to your property.
- Join Shearwater Rescue with Phillip Island Nature Parks to help fledgling birds make their first migration.



Protecting wildlife together

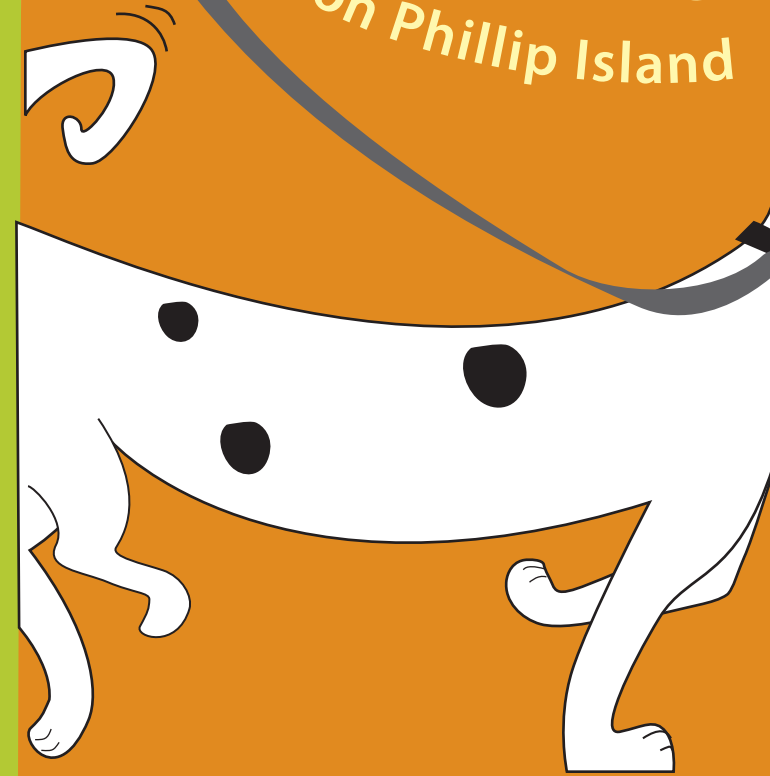
- **Always check beach access signage**
Poison baits are sometimes laid in areas to control foxes. Penalties apply for not following regulations.
- **Only use designated Beach access points**
Informal tracks can be dangerous to yourself and wildlife and cause dune erosion.
- **Stay out of the sand dunes**
This is where Hooded Plovers and Shearwaters breed.
- **Keep your dog on a lead**
Beaches are shared areas.
- **Clean up after your dog**
By law all dog walkers are required to have a suitable container to clean up after their dog. Dog poo is a health issue.
- **Register your dog**
All dogs over three months of age need to be registered.
- **Never leave your dog in a car on hot days**
A dog will quickly overheat if left in a car on a hot day.
- **Confine your dog to your property when you are not with it.**
- **Report injured wildlife to Phillip Island Nature Parks on 5951 2800**

for further information contact;

Bass Coast Shire Council: **1300 226 278**



Phillip Island Nature Parks: **5951 2800**

Where ...
can I walk my dog?
on Phillip Island





■ Bass Coast Shire and ■ Phillip Island Nature Parks
 Dogs permitted: **1 Dec.-30 April** ▶ 7am-10am and 5pm-8pm
1 May-30 Nov. ▶ anytime
 Dogs to be effectively under control at all times

-  Hooded Plover habitat
-  Dogs Prohibited
- Off Leash
- P Carparks