

# Platypus need your help!



## Report sightings of platypus and help protect them with PlatypusWatch

Platypus (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*) inhabit many freshwater rivers and creeks on the Gold Coast. Their survival is threatened by many factors including the need for good quality water. Platypus coats need to be clean and waterproof, certain pollutants penetrate their fur causing them to lose heat and perish. Other threats to platypus survival include; habitat degradation, habitat loss, fish traps and predation by feral or domestic animals.

A waterway that is healthy provides a plentiful supply of platypus food such as aquatic creatures like insects, worms and yabbies.

Reporting of any platypus sightings is of great importance as it helps to understand areas in need of protection or rehabilitation.

If you would like to be involved in surveying platypus or wish to report a platypus sighting please contact; Glenn Normand

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