

Update: September 2021

Hello there. We hope everyone is well.

When you've got a spare minute, please watch [this short video](#) that shows our work **restoring Golden-shouldered Parrot habitat** on Artemis.

Parrot habitats have become **thick** with native trees and shrubs because of changed fire patterns and grazing. Thicker habitat means more parrots are being **killed** by predators who use **ambush** tactics. Adult parrots attending nests are especially vulnerable.



2001

A Golden-shouldered Parrot nesting area on Artemis that has become very thick with Tea Trees over the past 20 years.



2020

The only way to restore areas like this is to use sensitive clearing and thinning techniques.

To solve this problem, we need to reset habitats back to their optimal open structure. [This video shows some of the practical management tools we are using to do this.](#)

Since July 2021 we have restored 5 nesting areas. Our strategy is to start where there are still parrots breeding. Our work will increase the survival of nesting adults as well as help more young parrots fledge, who will go on to find territories of their own.

Over time, we will restore areas further away that are now abandoned by parrots. These areas should be recolonised by dispersing young parrots looking for a new territory.



*One of the 5 breeding areas we have restored on Artemis. If you look closely, several conical termite mounds that are used for nesting can be seen in this photo, including one with a hole in it that was used earlier in 2021. The attending female was **found dead inside the tunnel**, perhaps as the result of injury from a ambush attack by a butcherbird or some other predator. Now that this area is more open, we expect future nesting attempts by other parrots in the area to be more successful.*

It is important to point out that our work is regulated by the Queensland Department of Natural Resources, under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*. We have permits to clear and/or thin specific areas to restore them to their **natural state**.

Habitat restoration is **expensive**. But our work is practical and will **solve** the greatest threat to Golden-shouldered Parrots on Artemis. If we can keep going, we will be sure to give breeding parrots and young **the best chance of survival**.

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