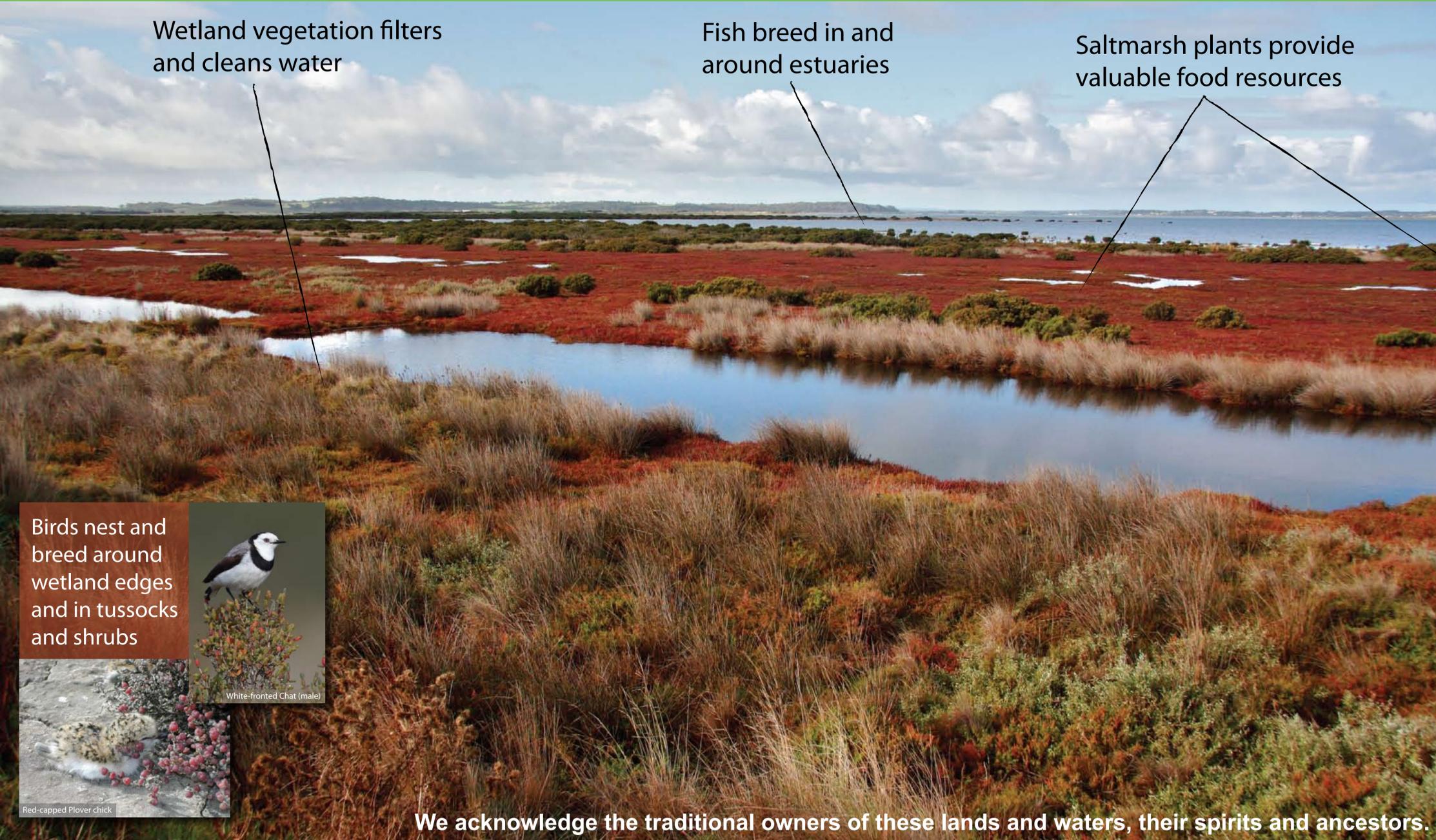


Saltmarsh Wonderland

This fragile saltmarsh is an important part of the environment of Venus Bay and Andersons Inlet.



Wetland vegetation filters and cleans water

Fish breed in and around estuaries

Saltmarsh plants provide valuable food resources

Birds nest and breed around wetland edges and in tussocks and shrubs



White-fronted Chat (male)



Red-capped Plover chick

We acknowledge the traditional owners of these lands and waters, their spirits and ancestors.

Home of the Little Green Battler!

The small green Orange-bellied Parrot is one of the rarest birds in the world (less than 150 remain in the wild). They breed in the wilderness of south-west Tasmania in spring and summer, and fly to the mainland to feed in saltmarshes like this for the autumn and winter.



Orange-bellied Parrot

Rare species like Orange-bellied Parrots make Australia unique.

Royal Spoonbills sometimes roost close by, or on the islands to your right.



Did you know?

It might surprise you to learn that there is lots of life in the salty, airless mud that this saltmarsh grows on. Saltmarsh occurs on areas inundated by the highest tides where only salt-tolerant plants survive.

Invertebrates including crabs and snails live here and the saltmarsh is an important food source for juvenile fish, including commercial species. They also protect coastlines from storms and high tides.

Want to help?

- Tread carefully - avoid trampling delicate saltmarsh plants.
- Walk your dog on a leash. Many animals raise their young here and are easily disturbed.
- Volunteer to help us protect and restore this ecosystem - join the Friends of Venus Bay Peninsula: fovbp.org.au.

Overseas visitors



Eastern Curlew

A number of shorebird species (waders) migrate from Andersons Inlet to the Arctic Circle and back each year. So the environment of Andersons Inlet plays an important role in the global conservation story.

Each makes an annual round trip of well over 20,000km to breed in the northern summer.

They range in size from the tiny Red-necked Stint (about 30g) to the Eastern Curlew (up to 1Kg).



Red-necked Stint

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