

2026 Annual General Meeting

Fellowship of BirdLife Australia



Professor Martine Maron

Professor Martine Maron has had a significant impact on ornithology and conservation biology in Australia – as well as internationally – by championing the importance of evidence-based decision making to ensure that biodiversity is maintained in the face of increasing pressure from many different sources.

One of Australia's foremost ornithologists, Martine has a broad range of environmental interests, including woodland birds, ecology, ecological applications, conservation policy, biodiversity offsets and conservation science.

She has made a major contribution during her time at BirdLife Australia. Martine was a valued member of the Research and Conservation Committee between 2005 and 2015, including serving as its Chair from 2009 till 2015. During this time (in 2011), she was also elected to BirdLife Australia's Board of Directors, and she then became the Vice President three years later. She was subsequently elected as President from 2020 to 2023. During her term, Martine provided valuable leadership while the organisation negotiated great administrative change, as well as some financial challenges. Nevertheless, throughout her term she continued to tirelessly promote ornithology and conservation in a manner that enhanced BirdLife Australia's reputation.

Martine is based at The University of Queensland's School of Environment, where she heads a dynamic research group which blends science with policy to bring about real changes to the trajectories of Australia's wildlife.

In her research, she tackles many contemporary issues, with a particular focus on policy to ensure biodiversity net gain. This includes the design and consequences of biodiversity offsetting, as well as the conservation and restoration of assemblages of Australia's woodlands and the woodland birds they support. In doing so, she collaborates with a broad network of individuals and organisations, including both government and non-government bodies, to help achieve the effective uptake of research findings into policy and environmental management.

A prolific writer, Martine has published more than 200 peer-reviewed scientific papers, as well as 35 technical reports and popular articles. She has also supervised many PhD students and postdoctoral researchers, nurturing, challenging and encouraging the next generation of ornithologists and ecologists in Australia. Indeed, she is widely recognised as an outstanding mentor and an exemplary role model to many early career researchers.

Martine's extensive environmental expertise is recognised by numerous critical conservation bodies, of which she is an influential member.

Martine's impeccable record of commitment, mentorship, achievement and participation all combine to make her an exceptionally worthy candidate for election as a Fellow of BirdLife Australia.