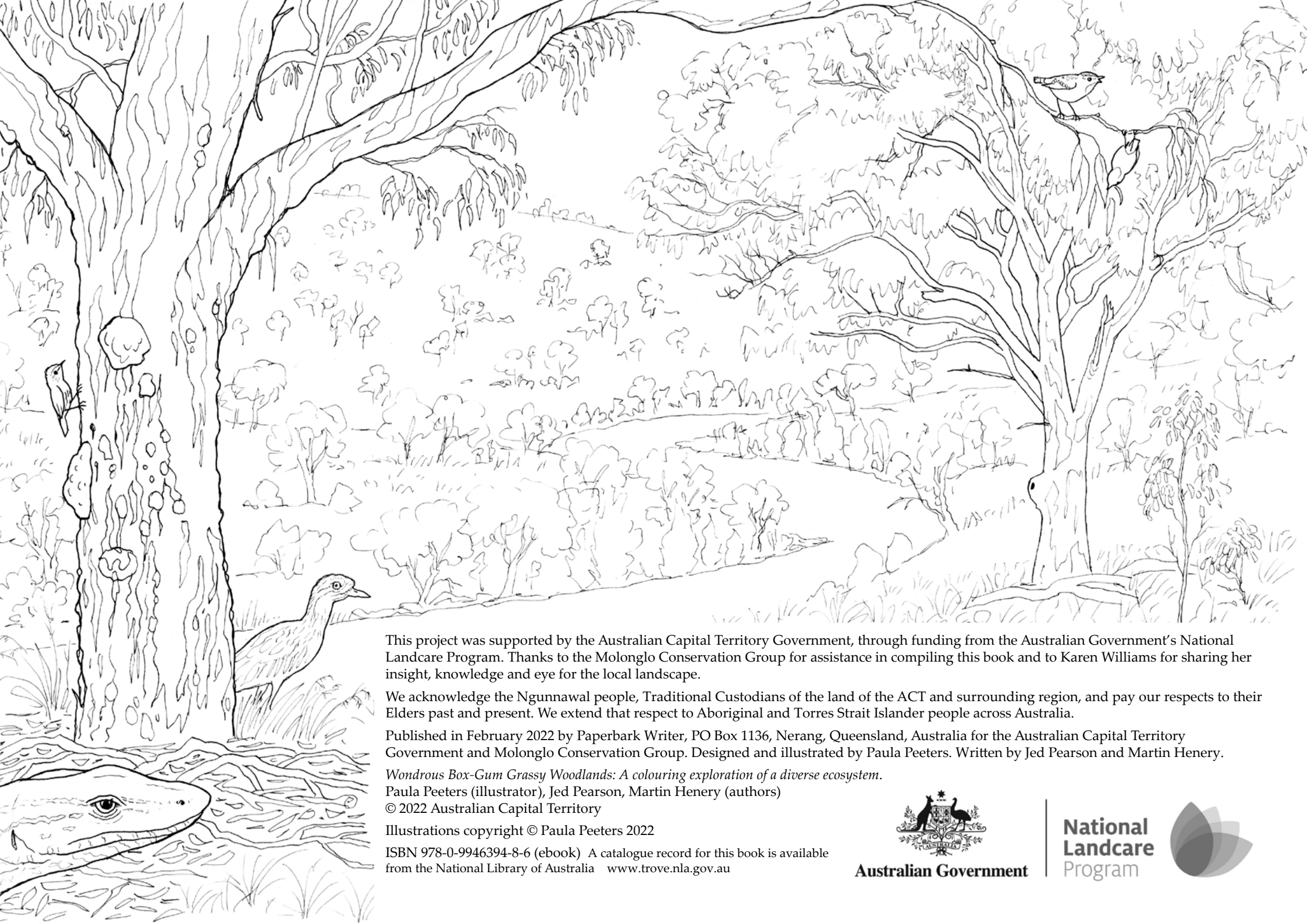


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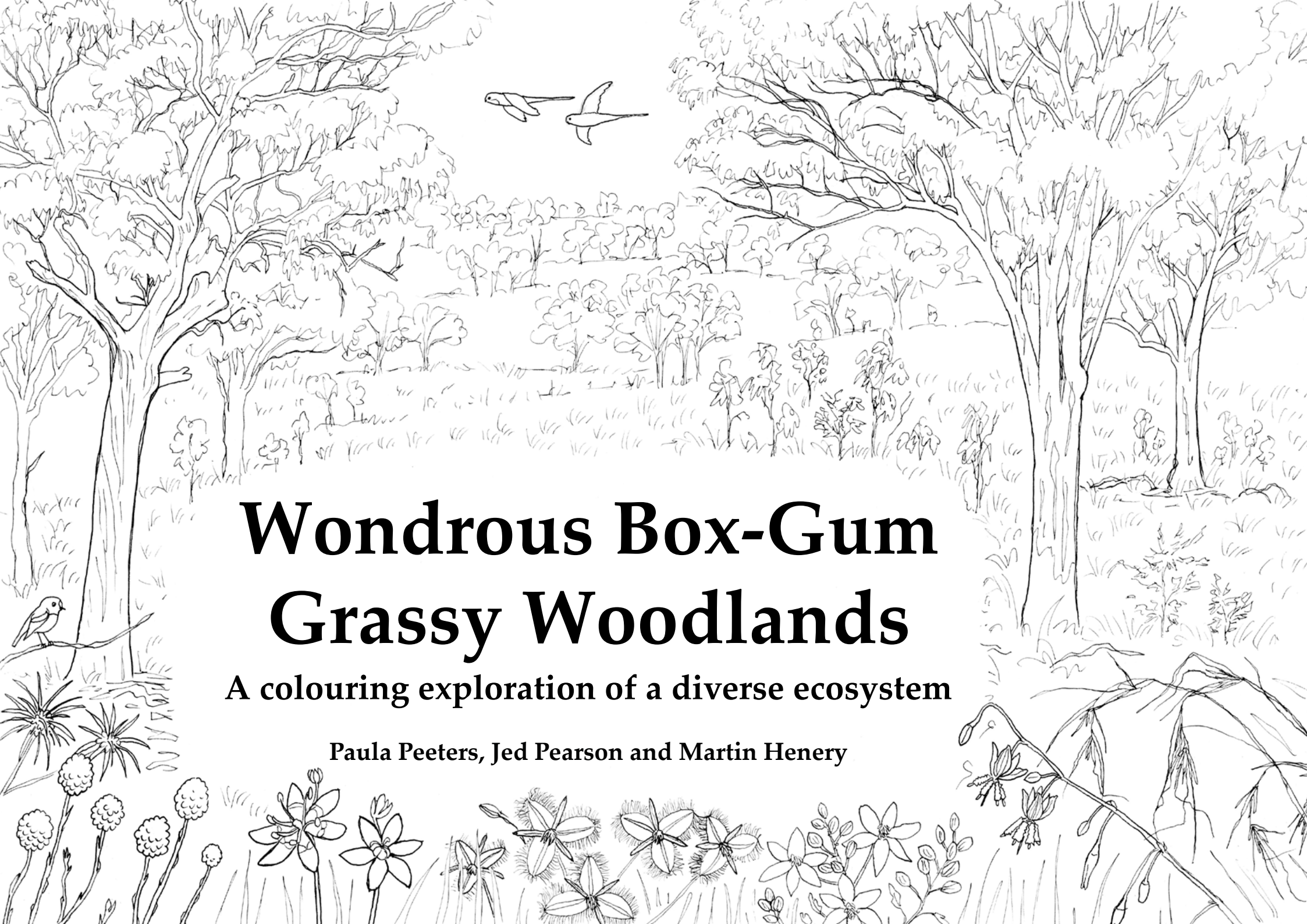
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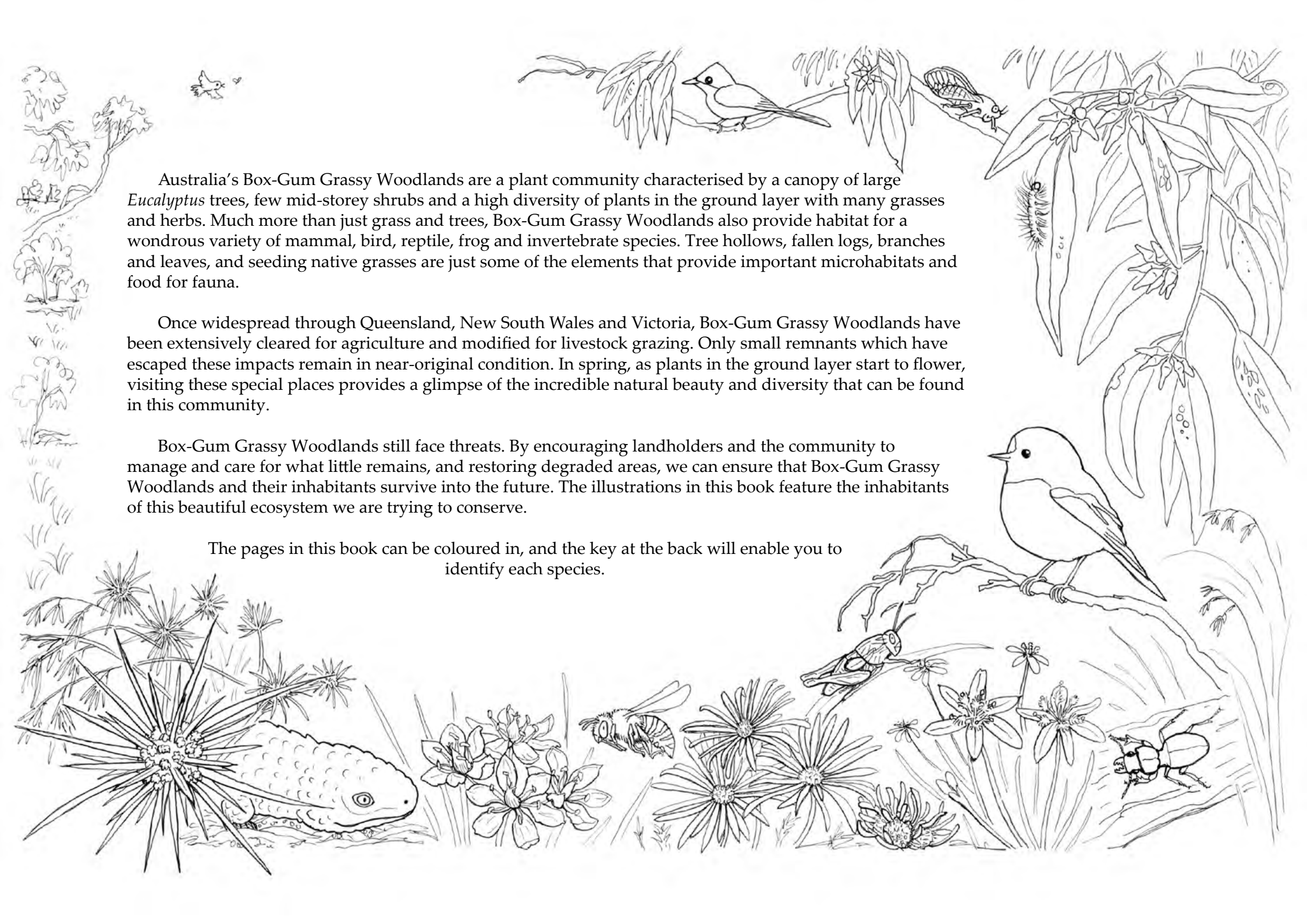


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Australia's Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands are a plant community characterised by a canopy of large *Eucalyptus* trees, few mid-storey shrubs and a high diversity of plants in the ground layer with many grasses and herbs. Much more than just grass and trees, Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands also provide habitat for a wondrous variety of mammal, bird, reptile, frog and invertebrate species. Tree hollows, fallen logs, branches and leaves, and seeding native grasses are just some of the elements that provide important microhabitats and food for fauna.

Once widespread through Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands have been extensively cleared for agriculture and modified for livestock grazing. Only small remnants which have escaped these impacts remain in near-original condition. In spring, as plants in the ground layer start to flower, visiting these special places provides a glimpse of the incredible natural beauty and diversity that can be found in this community.

Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands still face threats. By encouraging landholders and the community to manage and care for what little remains, and restoring degraded areas, we can ensure that Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands and their inhabitants survive into the future. The illustrations in this book feature the inhabitants of this beautiful ecosystem we are trying to conserve.

The pages in this book can be coloured in, and the key at the back will enable you to identify each species.



Box-gum Grassy Woodlands are home to many plant species.
In spring an abundance of flowers provide food for insect pollinators like bees and butterflies.



Can you spot the Australian Painted Lady butterfly?



As eucalypts get older and slowly develop into big trees, they form hollows in the trunk and large branches.





An incredible variety of birds forage for food and make their nests in woodlands. They use different areas of habitat including shrubs and saplings, dead trees, the ground layer, tree bark and the *Eucalyptus* canopy.



The loss of woodland habitat means many of our woodland birds are threatened or declining. Can you spot the Speckled Warbler?



Many woodland creatures make their home in the undergrowth or burrow underground. The Pink-tailed Worm-lizard burrows under surface rocks to keep out of sight of predators and warm up as the rocks absorb heat from the sun.



People can undertake various activities to protect woodlands including planting trees, removing weeds and scientific monitoring to ensure woodlands continue to remain diverse and healthy.



Fallen leaves, and branches, logs and rocks are important parts of woodland habitat too.
Reptiles, birds, mammals and invertebrates hide under rocks and logs, and forage for food amongst the fallen leaves.



Aboriginal people have been managing grassy woodlands for thousands of years. Occasional, low intensity fires are necessary to keep woodlands healthy. Burning grass creates space for other plant species to regenerate.



Apostlebird
Struthidea cinerea
Find 3



Australian Magpie
Gymnorhina tibicen
Find 1



Australian Owlet-nightjar
Aegotheles cristatus
Find 1



Barking Owl
Ninox connivens
Find 1



Brown Treecreeper
Climacteris picumnus
Find 5



Bush Stone-curlew
Burhinus grallarius
Find 4



Crested Pigeon
Ocyphaps lophotes
Find 4



Crested Shrike-tit
Falcunculus frontatus
Find 2



Diamond Firetail
Stagonopleura guttata
Find 2



Eastern Rosella
Platycercus eximius
Find 2



Flame Robin
Petroica phoenicea
Find 1



Grey Shrike-thrush
Colluricincla harmonica
Find 1



Laughing Kookaburra
Dacelo novaeguineae
Find 2



Little Lorikeet
Parsipitta pusilla
Find 1



Mistletoebird
Dicaeum hirundinaceum
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Painted Button-quail
Turnix varius
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Regent Honeyeater
Anthochaera phrygia
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Restless Flycatcher
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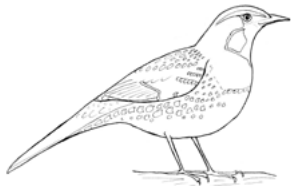
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Speckled Warbler
Chthonicola sagittata
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Cinclosoma punctatum
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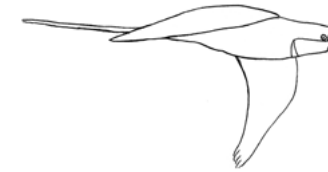
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Aphelocephala leucopsis
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Striated Pardalote
Pardalotus striatus
Find 1



Superb Fairy-wren
Malurus cyaneus
Find 2



Superb Parrot
Polytelis swainsonii
Find 6



Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Cacatua galerita
Find 2



Tawny Frogmouth
Podargus strigoides
Find 3



Varied Sittella
Daphoenositta chrysoptera
Find 6



White-naped Honeyeater
Melithreptus lunatus
Find 1



White-winged Chough
Corcorax melanorhamphos
Find 2



Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Caligavis chrysops
Find 1



Yellow-rumped
Thornbill
Acanthiza chrysorrhoa
Find 2



Earthworm
Find 1



Centipede
Find 2



Land Snail
Find 1



Huntsman Spider
Family Sparassidae
Find 1



Wolf Spider
Tasmanocosa godeffroyi
Find 1



Trapdoor Spider
Find 1



Scorpion
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Psyllids
Order Hemiptera
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Bug
Order Hemiptera
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Cicada
Order Hemiptera
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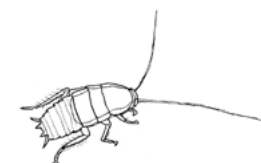
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Didymuria violescens
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Termites
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Ant
Find 12



Cockroach
Drymaplaneta semivittata
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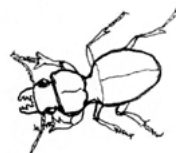
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Beetle larvae
Order Coleoptera
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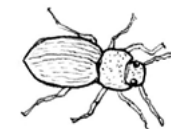
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Family Carabidae
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Christmas Beetle
Anoplognathus pallidicollis
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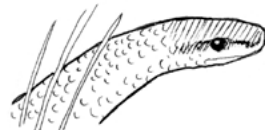
Darkling Beetle
Adelium porcatum
Find 1



Weevil
Cubicorhynchus sp.
Find 1



Caterpillar
Order Lepidoptera
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Dwyer's Snake
Parasuta dwyeri
Find 1



Three-Toed Earless Skink
Hemiergis decresiensis
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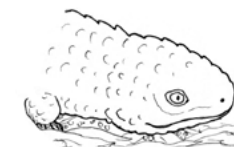
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Aprasia parapulchella
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Tiliqua scincoides
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Shingleback
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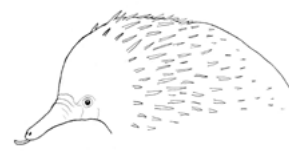
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Diplodactylus vittatus
Find 1



Common Brushtail Possum
Trichosurus vulpecula
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Human
Homo sapiens
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Short-beaked Echidna
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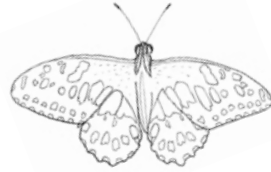
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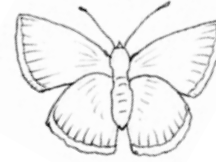
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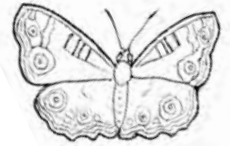
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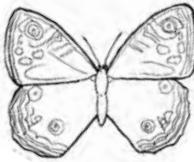
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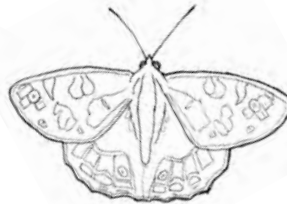
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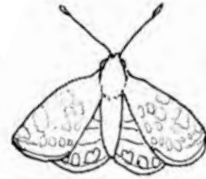
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Shouldered Brown
Heteronympha penelope
Find 1



Golden Sun Moth
Synemon plana
Find 1



Fungi
Lichenomphalia chromacea
Find 7



Silver Wattle
Acacia dealbata
Find lots



Austral Bugle
Ajuga australis
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Burchardia umbellata
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Calocephalus citreus
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Common Everlasting
Chrysocephalum apiculatum
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Yellow Buttons
Chrysocephalum semipapposum
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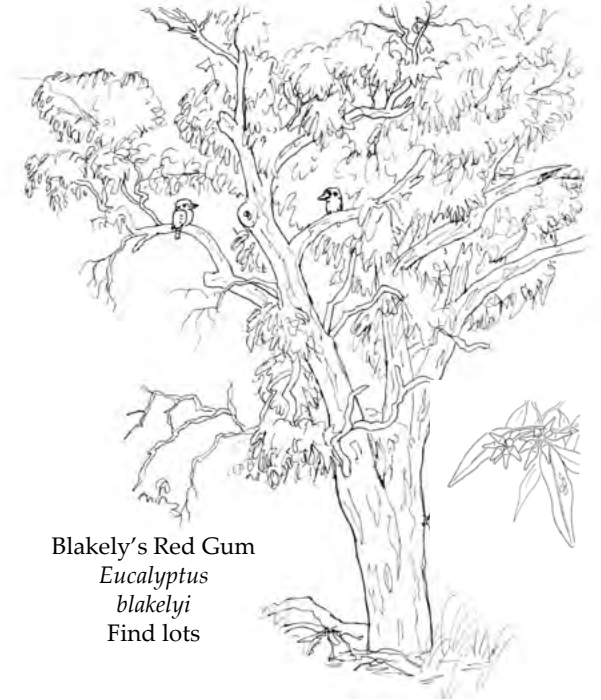
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Blakely's Red Gum
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Leucochrysum albicans
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Lomandra filiformis
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Australian Trefoil
Lotus australis
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Microseris lanceolata
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Stork's-bill
Pelargonium australe
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Variable Plantain
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Sida corrugata
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Behr's Swainson-Pea
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Mountain
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Creamy Candles
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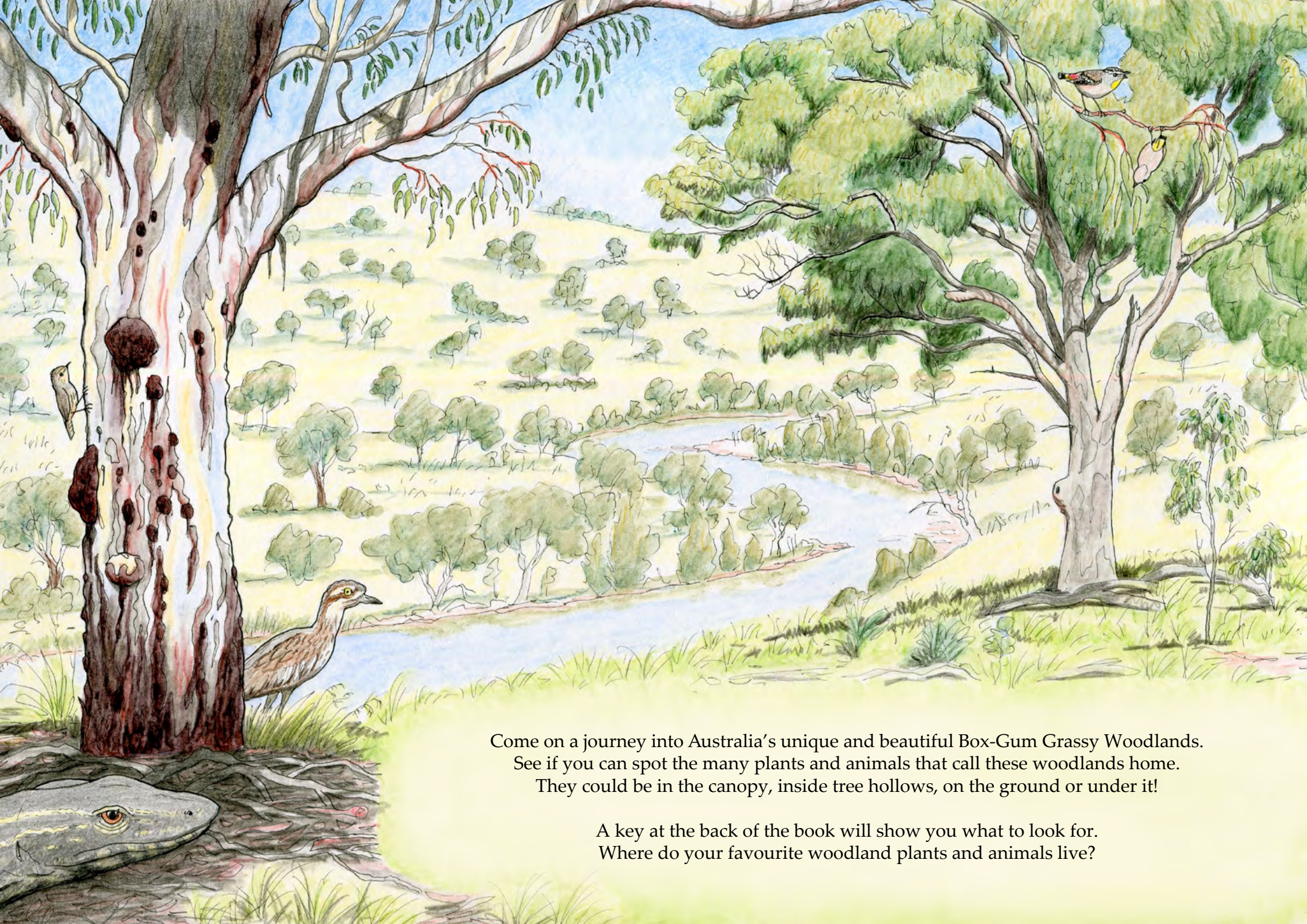
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Come on a journey into Australia's unique and beautiful Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands.
See if you can spot the many plants and animals that call these woodlands home.
They could be in the canopy, inside tree hollows, on the ground or under it!

A key at the back of the book will show you what to look for.
Where do your favourite woodland plants and animals live?