

# PAULA PEETERS

**writer, artist and ecologist**

Paula uses imagination, first-hand observations and scientific knowledge to create compelling stories and images of Australian nature. She is a writer, artist and ecologist based in Beechmont, Australia. Her childhood fascination with nature led to a PhD in botany, zoology and ecology. Paula then worked in wildlife conservation for 13 years, managing programs for a wide range of plants, animals and ecosystems in South Australia and Queensland.

Since 2015 Paula has focussed on writing, illustration and teaching nature journaling. She has created and self-published three colouring books (Bimblebox Wonderland, Riverina Grassland Ramblings, and The Southern Bell Frog Story), two books about nature journaling (Make a Date with Nature and Take this Book for a Walk) and a work of fiction for children 8 – 12 years (Stories from the Wild World).

Paula's illustrations have been commissioned by many organisations including the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage; the Queensland Department of Education; the Ecological Society of Australia; Land for Wildlife Queensland; the University of New England; the University of Otago and the ACT Government / Molonglo Conservation Group.

Paula regularly collaborates with the Queensland Department of Education, the University of the Sunshine Coast, and the Gold Coast and Brisbane City Councils, and a range of other community groups, to teach nature journaling to a diverse audience across south-east Queensland and beyond.

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