

# TASMANIAN MOREPORK at Yarra Ranges NP

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### VORAC SUBMISSION

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**Species:** Tasmanian Morepork

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Location:** Approximately 10 km east of Cambarville on the Warburton-Woods Point Road. Border of Yarra Ranges NP and State Forest

**Time:** 1:00am

**Notes:** After a long night of spotlighting we came across a small Boobook on the road. It's small size was immediately noticeable. It flushed off the road into State Forest on the north side. Thinking on size alone that it was worth a look we got out of the car and got excellent views through binoculars as well as photos over the space of a couple of minutes before it flew. Small size, speckled crown, phonebook yellow eyes with no "goggles", chocolate brown and well marked speckled underparts - see attached pictures. Habitat was wet forest. The bird did not call and did not respond to a brief attempt at play back after it flew away. I have some experience with the smaller darker boobooks in SE Vic and am happy this individual is a "leucopsis" or Tasmanian Boobook/Morepork depending on taxonomy used.



