



42nd Annual
**BIRD
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Nov 10 - 17, 2019



Rub shoulders with some of Australia's most well-known bird researchers, authors and photographers as they spot over 200 species of 230 varieties residing in the World Heritage listed Lamington National Park – home to Australia's largest collection of sub-tropical birds.

The seven day event combines insightful live presentations from Australia's most reputable bird enthusiasts plus guided bird tours throughout O'Reilly's World Heritage-listed Lamington National Park, nearby Kerry Valley, Stradbroke Island and other surrounding areas.

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Tim O'Reilly

Tim O'Reilly will be your host of November Birdweek and is a third-generation family member with over 20 years of guiding experience in Lamington. Tim's qualifications include working at the guesthouse for over 20 years, managing the activities department, collating the Mammal Guide and Guide to Birds of Lamington booklets, and guiding international birders to the park and surrounds over many years. Tim has been hosting and guiding Birdweeks since 2000.



Tim studied a double degree in Environmental Science and has been birding in Asia, Africa and the UK. Recently he has been involved in environmental programs through 'Wild Mob' and other environmental based organisations taking groups on conservation projects targeting threatened species recovery programs. Tim will be the main host, MC and leading tours. Tim will be checking final numbers for longer tours, and doing logistical support during the week.



Peter O'Reilly

As a second generation O'Reilly family member, growing up at O'Reilly's and later managing the guesthouse operations with his brother Vince, Peter has a deep knowledge of the plants and wildlife of Lamington National Park. In 2002, Peter was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his work with the Environment and Tourism.

Dr Bill McDonald

Bill has a long history of research and exploration of Lamington National Park and hence has long been a part of O'Reilly's and National Park history stretching back several decades and loves coming to the area as much as possible. Bill is a qualified Zoologist and an Honorary Research Associate at the Queensland Herbarium and has had a long career both there and in the field.



He is a leading authority on flora and in particular the flora of South East Queensland and has co-authored several books on the identification of rainforest plants. This has also led to his detailed knowledge of local wildlife. Bill and Peter O'Reilly have undertaken what is believed the longest continual rainforest research study in the world. His expertise will broaden our understanding of the role of birds in the rainforest ecosystem and how they are related. Bill has birded, worked and travelled comprehensively around Australia and across the globe.



Dr Ian Gynther

Ian Gynther is a Zoologist and works as a Senior officer in the Threatened Species Unit of the Queensland Environment Department. Ian is an expert on the fauna of Australia but in particular Queensland.

Ian has been a leader in well over 17 Birdweeks and has previously led frog, mammal and wildlife weeks. He is involved in fieldwork in Lamington and across Queensland. Ian co-authored the comprehensive Guide to Australian Mammals and has been regarded as knowing virtually everything that moves. Ian will be leading on most of the full day outings and facilitates the bird counts and record keeping register of Birdweek sightings.





Glen Threlfo

Glen started working at O'Reilly's in Birdweek 40 years ago with a birdcall workshop and has been working for O'Reilly's guiding ever since. He has attended nearly all of the Birdweeks. Glen has an affection and intimate knowledge of the ecosystems of the Lamington region and is a good friend to all the birds close to the Guesthouse Retreat area!

He has produced numerous publications and documentaries that showcase the spectacular flora and fauna of the park. He has travelled and filmed far and wide, taking him to Africa, India, Antarctica and much of Australia - particularly the top end. Glen's recent work involves filming Peregrine Falcons nesting in Sydney and weaving a new documentary from his catalogue of amazing footage. We will hope to see some of Glen's latest work this week.

Duncan Fowler

Duncan is a Senior Guide at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat and has been living, working and adventuring in the region for the last 30 years. He joined O'Reilly's in 2004 and has been birding every day since! Duncan started guiding in a multitude of adventures and organisations in the region since 1987. He has worked in environmental research projects, EIS studies and rainforest regenerations projects before starting work in outdoor education, recreation and tourism. He has been involved in leading Spring and Autumn Birdweeks since 2007. Duncan guides for the O'Reilly's Activities Discovery Program on a full-time basis, including private birders sessions seeking out specific wildlife targets.



Dr Richard Noske

Richard obtained a PhD from the University of New England in northern New South Wales, based on his research on the ecology of bark-foraging birds. After a brief stint as a science teacher, he was appointed Senior Lecturer in Biology at Charles Darwin University (CDU) in Darwin, Northern Territory, a post he held for 26 years. Soon after moving to Brisbane in 2010, he joined Birds Queensland (BQ) and was President of this society from 2012 to 2016. He currently serves on committees for BQ, BirdLife Australia and Protect the Bush Alliance.

In addition to three books, a dozen book chapters and numerous non-refereed articles, Richard has authored or co authored 110 scientific journal papers, mostly concerning the breeding biology and ecology of tropical birds of Australia and Indonesia. He has played editorial roles for three journals, including Chief Editor of the Indonesian bird journal Kukila for almost two decades. Richard has guided many bird tours in northern Australia and Papua, and has worked with Japan's NHK TV on three documentaries about birds.

Matthew Kelly

Matthew Kelly originated from the Northern Beaches in Sydney. He has worked as a guide in Waratah National Park, near Sydney, Kakadu in the Northern Territory and El Questro in the Kimberly.

Matt first became a guide at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat in August 2010. He is part of the O'Reilly's Discovery Team as a full time guide and is our resident Stinson Trek Guide. He also guides birding groups throughout the year.



He is passionate about our wildlife, rainforest and natural surroundings and enjoys being able to educate and show people from all over the world a place he loves and something that he is passionate about. Matt has been slowly finding sites where our difficult rare birds have been hiding out. This should be of interest during Birdweek.

Artist - Tamlyn Geiger

Canungra Artist Tamlyn Geiger is excited to teach this year at 2019 Birdweek. Working as an Artist and Designer in many mediums. Tamlyn is a sought after teacher in the Scenic Rim and on the Gold Coast.

Having recently moved from her studio - Red Door Studio in Appel Street, Canungra. Tamlyn is focusing on her teaching and the launch of her digital design website and large format artwork predominantly in watercolour.

Tamlyn hopes to attract not only watercolour artists as well as bird lovers to this year's workshop, regardless of their level of skills. This year's theme is 'Spread My Wings' where we will be looking at the anatomy of birds, simplifying form and creating designs. Mixed mediums of charcoal, pen, crayon and watercolour will be used.





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Here's
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DAY 1 - Sunday 10th November - Forest Weekend closes and Birdweek begins!

4:00pm - Introduction to Birdweek in the Theatrette

We will gather in the theatrette to meet your leaders and summarise the program for the week ahead.

4:30pm - Birds of Lamington National Park Presentation

As an introduction to the birds of O'Reilly's, we'll run through some images and sounds of several of the local species you'll encounter.

5:30pm - Toast to Birdweek with a view!

Meet at the Observation Deck (above the pool) to mingle with fellow birders and enjoy a mountain sunset.

6:45pm - Dinner in the Dining Room - There will be a Birdweek dining area section in the Dining Room most days.

Reminder to hand in your selected field trip itinerary options to Reception this evening or tomorrow please, then advise as soon as possible for any future changes. Some tour options will have limited numbers so changes in advance will allow for leaders, logistics, catering and transport to be planned.

DAY 2 - Monday 11th November - Local Day Mountain Birding and Birding Workshops

6:00am - Local Rainforest Birdwalk (1.5hrs) - Meet at front door of the reception area for this walk each day. Today we'll split into groups along the Border Track, Booyong Walk and main road. Back for Breakfast.

7:30am - Breakfast

9:00am - Wishing Tree Walk (1.5km, 3hrs) - Sub-tropical rainforest birding at a relaxed pace. Seeking *Paradise Riflebird*, *Noisy Pitta*. Downhill, some uneven surfaces, bus return from Cedar Tree.

9:00am - Python Rock Lookout (3km, 3hrs) - Vehicle drop off and pick up at track start. A wonderful sub-tropical rainforest walk, possibilities including *Paradise Riflebird* and *Noisy Pitta*, with potential eucalypt species and raptor sightings along the escarpment from the lookout deck.

1:00pm - Lunch

2:00pm - Walking the Border Track towards Picnic Rock (2.5hrs, up to 4.5km – turn around whenever you want) - More stunning subtropical rainforest with a chance of finding a *Lyrebird*.

2:00pm - Duck Creek Road (2.5hrs) Eucalypt forest edge, seeking *Red Browed Treecreeper*, *Variegated Fairy-wren* etc. Short walks near bus.

2:00pm - Painters workshop with Tamlyn Geiger

This year's theme will be "SPREAD MY WINGS". You will be guided and encouraged to produce your own work of art. You may be surprised what you can do. Meet at the Pavilion.

5:30pm - Guest Speaker - Professor Richard Noske

Past President of Birds Queensland, Currently serving on committees for BQ, BirdLife Australia and Protect the Bush Alliance. Lecturer in Biology and author of numerous journal papers. **Topic: Breeding behaviour of Birds.** Gather in the theatrette promptly please.

7:00pm - Dinner in the Dining Room

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DAY 3 - Tuesday 12th November - Mountain to Valley Day and Local Options

6:00am - Early Morning Birdwalk (1.5hrs) - towards Centenary Track

7:00am Breakfast

8:00am - Stockyard Creek Track (7km, 8hrs) - Full day walk (mostly downhill) This track was the original access to O'Reilly's for guests and supplies. Steep edges, loose underfoot medium-high fitness. Lunch out and remember to take extra water. Top to bottom birding, seeking eucalypt forest birds such as *Glossy Black-Cockatoo* and lowland rainforest species such as *White-eared Monarch* and fruit-doves. Travel home by bus. Packed lunches.

8:00am - Beaudesert - Western Lagoons and Kerry Valley bus trip - This tour targets lowland species in the farmland, parkland and drier woodland areas around Canungra and Beaudesert as well as waterbirds at numerous dams in the area. Birding is from the bus and on short nearby walks. Packed lunches.

9:00am - Morans Valley (3hrs, back for lunch - vehicle based, short nearby walks) - Various stops across diverse habitats such regrowth rainforest, wet eucalypt forest and escarpment. Stopping at flying fox, Moran's clearing and Balancing Rock.

Lunch - those not going on full day trips can collect their packed lunch from Reception.

2:00pm - Birding bus to Charlies Waterhole and beyond (3hrs) - Good waterhole for many species of drier rainforest such as *White-eared Monarch*.





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6:00pm - Bird Count in the Theatre

6:30pm - Dinner in the Dining Room

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8:00pm - Night Birding (2hrs) - We shall explore the local area and Moran's valley to search for the mysterious Marbled Frogmouth and Sooty Owl. Bring a torch and binoculars.

DAY 4 - Wednesday 13th November - Eastern Lagoons, Eagleby and Mountain Birding

6:00am - Early Morning Birdwalk (1hr) - Border Track and Booyong Walk

7:00am - Breakfast

7:30am - Bus departs for Eastern Lagoons and Eagleby Wetlands - Lunch out, full day, short walks. Bring a scope if you have one.

9:00am - West Cliffs/Pats Bluff Circuit (5km, 3hrs, rough underfoot with some uphill sections) - A variety of habitats towards the western escarpment including rainforest, eucalypts and spectacular escarpment that is home to *Peregrine Falcon*.

9:00am - Duck Creek Road (3hrs) - Eucalypt Forest birds, seeking *Red Browed Treecreeper*, *Glossy Black-Cockatoo* etc. Short walks near bus.

1:00pm - Lunch

2:00pm - Painters workshop with Tamlyn Geiger

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2:00pm - Wishing Tree Walk (1.5km, 3hrs) - Sub-tropical rainforest birding at a relaxed pace. Seeking *Paradise Riflebird*, *Noisy Pitta*. Downhill, some uneven surfaces, bus return from Cedar Tree.

6:30pm - Dinner in the Dining Room

DAY 5 - Thursday 14th November - Local areas and Top of the Range Trek, the Scrub Bird and Olive Whistler challenge

6:00am - Local Birding (1.5 hrs) - Down the main road

7:00pm - Breakfast

8:00am - Border Track to Antarctic Beech Forest (13 - 16km return) - Search among the ancient Antarctic Beech trees for the elusive *Rufous Scrub Bird* and *Olive Whistler*. Many rainforest species will be found along the way. Lunch out.

9:00am - Main Road Birding Lamington National Park Road (4hrs, bus-based tour with short nearby walks) - You would have already passed this country but not stopped to seek out its birds.

1:00pm - Lunch

2:00pm - Raptor Watch - Marie's Gate, Luke's Bluff (2.5 hrs) - A chance at trying to locate any birds of prey with many other possibilities along the way. Great scenery, several nearby sites visited. Bring a scope if you have one!

2:00pm - Walking Moonlight Crag to O'Reilly's (3hrs, 4km, loose underfoot, some uphill sections) - Scenic views over Lost World, a mix of rainforest, wet eucalypt and escarpment habitat. Medium fitness required.

6:00pm - Bird Count in the Theatre

7:00pm - Dinner in the Dining Room

DAY 6 - Friday 15th November - Coastal Tour or searching for Mountain Species

6:00am - Local Birdwalk - Tree-top Walk and Botanic Gardens

7:00am - Breakfast

6:30am - Coastal Waders tour - See what birds we can find at the nearby coastal habitats at the coastal extremity of the local river catchment area where the wader birds gather. Depart for Gold Coast, including boat charter. Full day, packed lunch out. Spaces limited.

9:00am - Birds and Botany walk with Bill Macdonald (3hrs)

9:00am - Eucalypt forest bus to Duck Creek Road-Shepard's, Kerry Lookout area (3hrs) - Seeking open forest birds. Short walks near bus up to 1km.

1:00pm - Lunch





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DAY 6 - Friday 15th November - Coastal Tour or searching for Mountain Species - continued

2:00pm - Python Rock Lookout (2.5hrs) - A wonderful sub-tropical rainforest walk.

2:00pm - Charlies Waterhole (2.5hrs) - Vehicle based birding and a short walk to a Bell Miner colony.

6:30pm - Dinner in the Dining Room

8:00pm - Night Birding (2hrs) - We'll visit a few sites along the main road in search of Sooty Owl and Marbled Frogmouth. Bring a torch and binoculars.

DAY 7 - Saturday 16th November - Top to bottom and all around the last chance 'Clean-up Day' to boost the species sightings

6:00am - Local Birdwalk (1.5 hrs) - Villa track area/ Campground

6:00am - Early Breakfast

7:00am - Canungra Valley and Beyond Bus - The valley 'clean up bus' targeting birds we may have missed in the valley. Time is of the essence on this tour so will be prioritising target species. Packed lunches.

9:00am - Bus drop off departs for (Upper) Cainbale Falls off track walk - Take a trek along the old horse riding route down to Cainbale falls - and take all day! Starting at Luke's Farm we trek 4km down a Hoop pine forest ridge to Cainbale Creek Falls. Then a 2km gradual uphill journey to Duck Creek Road at Belson's Ridge for return transport. Drier rainforest, eucalypt and escarpment habitats will be encountered. Packed lunches, rough underfoot with some steep sections, medium to high fitness required.

9:00am - West Canungra Creek track (3hr, up to 5km, turn around whenever you want, gradual ascent on the way home.) - Lovely sub-tropical rainforest on the descent towards West Canungra Creek.

1:00pm - Lunch

2:00pm - Villa Trail (shortcut) to Morans Falls, Centenary Track Circuit (4.5km, 2.5hrs - rough underfoot in places, gradual ascent on the way home) - Interesting circuit combining rainforest, rainforest edge and escarpment.

6:30pm - BBQ Dinner in Pavilion, speeches, reflections and presentation of the prestigious Birdweek Awards.
Thank you everyone for being part of a great week!

DAY 8 - Sunday 17th November - Departure Day

Thank you all and travel well - we look forward to seeing you back next year!

Please Note:

** You will be notified of any program changes which are mainly due to changes in weather. Changes to the program are covered in bird call reviews at day's end or often during dinner.*

** All activities are optional - it is your choice on how many events you attend. Be sure to keep track of your bird sightings for the daily bird count reviews.*

** Some birders don't have a luxury of time and will be attending single sessions, single days or several days. Of course, please make them feel welcome.*

** Please wear your name tags throughout the week.*

