



# BIRD WEEK 2016

## SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER

11:30pm ARRIVAL AND CHECK IN, rooms are normally available from 2:00pm, all other check in procedures can be undertaken at his time and luggage stored with reception.

12:00pm OPTIONAL SUNDAY ROAST (Not included in package but a wonderful experience and start to your stay) \$25.00pp

2:00pm Welcome to bird week we meet in the theatre for an introduction to your leaders and guides, A time to go through the program summary. We will take this opportunity to take a group photo and collect your gift packs before we head out in search of our local birds.

3.30pm Enjoy damper and billy tea- Meet at the campfire outside the Discovery Centre Provided by your guides and meet the team looking after you during your stay, a chance to meet fellow birders.

4:00pm Bird break- Flock into smaller groups for a 1 hour local introductory bird walk.

5:00pm Sunset Drinks- We shall meet at the Discovery Centre Campfire and head off for a short drive to one of our spectacular sunset venues for welcome drinks and bird sightings.

7:30 pm Dinner in the dining room

8:00pm Hand in your itinerary options forms to the Discovery Centre this evening or tomorrow please.

## MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER

6:00am Morning Bird Walk (1.5hrs): A Local walk to view and photograph the O'Reillys regulars. An excellent opportunity to view the Iconic Regent Bower Bird, Satin Bower Bird, Eastern Whipbird, Eastern Yellow Robin, Blue Fairy Wren, Firetail Finch, Wonga Pigeon, and many more.

7:00am Breakfast in the dining Room

8.00pm Walk the iconic Border Track to the higher altitude cool temperate beech forests. Search for the elusive Rufous Scrub Birds and Olive Whistler. Many rainforest species will be found along the way. Up to 16km return towards Mt Wanungra. (Lunch Out).

9.00am Duck Creek Road Eucalyptus country birding including Belsons Road. Looking for Red Browed Tree creeper, Variegated Fairy Wren, Striated and Buff Rumped Thornbills, Sittelas, Cicadbird and possible Raptors. (3hrs)

9:30am Canopy Birding. A shorter, more gentle stroll to seek out high level activity around the treetop walk area. (2hrs)

12:00pm Lunch in the dining room

1:00pm Birds of Prey Flight Show (40min): With a magnificent mountain backdrop this is truly a spectacular and unique show. See some of Australia's most impressive birds of prey in full flight and up close. Not to be missed during your stay and don't forget your cameras.

2.00pm Wishing Tree Track Downhill birding at a relaxed pace, seeking the Paradise Riflebird, Noisy Pitta, Pale Yellow Robin, Azure Kingfisher, Wompoo Pigeon and Rose Crowned Doves. (3hrs). Bus Return from the Cedar tree at 5:00pm.

OR

Birding along Lamington National Park Road walking Via the Centenary Track to Python Rock Lookout. Pristine subtropical rainforest gives way to eucalypt forest as you overlook Moran's Falls and the McPherson Range. A chance to spot Eucalypt species and raptors along the Moran's valley escarpment (3hrs)

6:30pm Review of the day followed by dinner in the dining room

8:30pm GUEST SPEAKER- A surprise Guest Speaker will present for you all a wonderful account of birding experiences- Not to be missed.

## TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER

6:00am Morning Bird Walk (1.5hrs): A Local walk to view and photograph the O'Reillys regulars. An excellent opportunity to view the Iconic Regent Bower Bird, Satin Bower Bird, Eastern Whipbird, Eastern Yellow Robin, Blue Fairy Wren, Firetail Finch, Wonga Pigeon, and many more, every day is an opportunity to see different species.

7:00am Breakfast in the dining Room

8.30am Stockyard Creek Track. This is a Full day walk (nearly all Downhill), 7km. Top to bottom birding down the Historical cliff track. Seeking White-eared Monarch, White Throated Nightjar, Sittelas, Glossy Black Cockatoo, Barred Cuckoo Shrike, and Rose Crowned Fruit Dove. Lunch Along the way. Moderate fitness levels required, loose underfoot in places.

9:00am A bus tour birding along the main Lamington National Park Road (Mt Cainbale and beyond). Possible sightings of the Brush Cuckoo, Glossy Black Cockatoo, White Throated Gerygone, and many other drier eucalypt species. (4hrs)

OR

Walking to Python Rock Lookout. Pristine subtropical rainforest gives way to eucalypt forest as you overlook Moran's Falls and the McPherson Range. A chance to spot Eucalypt species and raptors along the Moran's valley escarpment (3hrs)

1:00pm Lunch in the dining Room

2:00pm Charlies waterhole- A bus tour to the site then a short stroll to seek out the Bell miner colony and Lake Cainbale, here we have some often visited watering sites for various bird species, searching for the Owllet Nightjar, Cicadabirds, Monarchs, Wompoo Pigeon, and Yellow Thornbill. (3.5hrs)

OR

Moran's Falls Walk. Another classic downhill rainforest birdwalk seeking Fruit Doves, Riflebird, Pale Yellow Robin, and eucalypt species to finish A chance to search out some of the elusive birds not yet sighted (3hrs).

6.00pm Review of the day followed by dinner- Bus to the Iconic Slaughterhouse for a country Style meal. After dinner there will be an optional Night Birding excursion in the local area for Marbled Frogmouth and the Sooty Owl. Torches and warm clothing required.

## WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER

6:00am Morning Bird Walk (1.5hrs): A short bus journey to Pats Gate and Luke's Bluff. Show casing open farm species, rainforest edge and escarpment. Experience birding in an area renowned for Raptors, Tawny Frogmouth, Pale Headed Rosellas, Pipits and Spotted Pardalote. (1.5hrs).

7:00am Breakfast in the dining Room

8:00am Kerry Valley Bus Trip, this includes Beaudesert and the 'Western' Lagoons. Over 200 possible species line this tour of the charming Kerry Valley. Various habitats centred on parks, farmland and waterholes. Seeking Waterfowl, Raptors, Waders, Little Bronze Cuckoo, Speckled Warbler, Kingfishers, Babbler, Sittelas, Parrots, Weebill, White Throated Gerygone and many more. Lunch out.

9:00am Birds and Botany with Bill McDonald- Join botany expert Bill McDonald on a walk through the treetops and Mountain Gardens area to explore the relationships between Birds and Plants. (3.5hrs)

OR

Upper Cainbale Creek walk-Full day walk down the historical riding track from Luke's farm to Belson's Ridge via Cainbale falls. Seeking dry rainforest and Eucalypt species such as Spectacled Monarch, Noisy Pitta, Glossy Black Cockatoo, and Yellow tailed Black Cockatoo. Lunch out (7km) moderate fitness.

1:00pm Lunch in the dining room

2:00pm Bus Trip to Duck Creek Road- Eucalyptus forest. Magnificent Country and views making our way towards Kerry Lookout. Seeking Red Browed Treecreeper, Cicadabird, Glossy Black Cockatoo, Painted Button Quail, Buff Rumped Thornbill, Sittela, Fairy Wrens, Honeyeaters and Raptors. (3.5hrs) (Pick up Cainbale walkers at Duck Creek Road).

OR

Picnic Rock and Elabana Falls Walk Another amazing and iconic walk amidst stunning scenery. Rainforest species such as the elusive Alberts Lyrebird, Paradise Riflebird, Noisy Pitta, Rose Robin, and a slight chance of hearing the very rare Rufous Scrub Bird. (3.5hrs).

6:30pm Review of the day and dinner

8:30pm Guest Speaker- A special and delightful presentation from our very own Cat Davidson. Cat will present a photographic lecture on the beautiful and unique birdlife, flora and history of the Falkland Islands.

## THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER

.5.30am Breakfast for those wanting to join the Coastal wader's tour.

6.00am Morning Bird Walk (1.5hrs): A Local walk to view and photograph the O'Reillys regulars. An excellent opportunity to view the Iconic Regent Bower Birds, Satin Bower Birds, Eastern Whipbirds, Eastern Yellow Robin, Blue Fairy Wren, Firetail Finch, Wonga Pigeon, and many more, every day is an opportunity to see different species.

6.30am Coastal Waders Depart for the Gold Coast and Stradbroke Island. Featuring inter tidal and bushland areas, includes a boat tour. Seeking Beach/Bush Stone Curlew, Eastern Curlew, Godwits, Whimberel, Terns, and Raptors, Mangrove Kingfisher/Honeyeater, Sandpipers, Stints, waterfowl, bushbirds and shorebirds. Full Day Lunch Out.

7:00am Breakfast in the Dining Room

9:00am Walking Moonlight Crag to O'Reillys via Lyrebird Lookout. A less used trail to the Old Forestry Camp through rainforest habitat. Return via the Border Track. A chance for spotting the Owlet Nightjar, Lyrebird, and Rufous Scrub Bird, Paradise Riflebird and Rainforest regulars. Loose Underfoot, over and under trees (6km, 4hrs).

OR

Glens Photographic Workshop- Join master cinematographer and bird 'whisperer' Glen Threlfro for an educational photographic session. The session will focus on learning some great ideas for improving your wildlife photography.

1:00pm Lunch in the Dining Room

2:00pm Birding the Kamarun Lookout area. A bus Tour seeking White Eared Monarch, rose Crown and Wompoo Fruit Doves, Raptors, Varied Triller and edge species (3 hrs).

OR

Walking the West Cliffs-Towards Pats Bluff. A wonderful mix of rainforest and Eucalypt escarpment species (3hrs)

6.00pm Review of the day in the theatre: highlights, stories and a bird count

## FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER

6:00m Early Morning Bird Trip to Bradfield's Farm area.(1.5hrs): Dry Rainforest species seeking Wompoo Pigeon, Monarchs, Varied Triller and Yellow Thornbill.

7.00am Breakfast in the Dining Room

8.00am Eastern Lagoons and Eagleby Wetlands Bus Trip Journey via Oxenford through to the end of the Albert River catchment to Eagleby and return via Tamborine area. Many possible sightings of Jabiru, Reed Warbler, Red Necked Avocet, Kingfishers, Raptors, Magpie Geese, Snipes, waders, Waterfowl and bush birds. Lunch out.

OR

9:00am West Canungra Creek Track. A walk towards Blue Pool 5km down the West Canungra Creek Track featuring many rainforest species. The walk will include a gradual uphill climb back. Only descend as far as you can ascend (4hrs).

1:00pm Lunch

2.00pm Glens Choice audio Visual. Great for those not wanting to wander far. A session to showcase some of Glen Threlfro's latest achievements in filming wildlife and any other must see footage. Guaranteed to be entertaining.

OR

Wishing Tree Track Downhill birding at a relaxed pace, seeking the paradise Riflebird, Noisy Pitta, Pale Yellow Robin, Azure Kingfisher, Wompoo Pigeon and Rose Crowned Doves. (3hrs). Bus return from the Cedar tree at 5:00pm.

6:30pm Review of the Day and Dinner

8:00pm Night Birding. Lamington National Park road. A short drive and spotlighting mission for night birds.

Target species include: Sooty Owl, Owlet Nightjar, Marbled Frogmouth and Boobook Owl. Bring binoculars, a torch and warm /wet weather clothing

## SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER

6:00am Morning Birding (1.5hrs): Morning Bird Walk (1.5hrs): A Local walk to view and photograph the O'Reillys regulars. An excellent opportunity to view the Iconic Regent and Satin Bower Birds, Whipbirds Eastern Yellow Robin, Blue Fairy Wren, Firetail Finch, Wonga Pigeon, every day is an opportunity to see different species.

7:00am Breakfast in the Dining Room

8:00am Canungra Valley bus tour-Looking for lower valley species, water birds, bush birds, raptors, farm birds that we may have missed during the week. (5hrs).

OR

9.00am Moran's Falls Walk. Another classic downhill rainforest birdwalk seeking Fruit Doves, Riflebird, Pale Yellow Robin, and eucalypt species to finish A chance to search out some of the elusive birds not yet sighted (3hrs).

1.00pm Lunch in the Dining Room

2:00pm Border Track to the Ancient Antarctic Beech Forests, a chance to seek out the birds not yet found, looking for that magic photo or bird sighting of the week for the final presentations this evening.(4km)

OR

Special requests- A targeted attempt at anything we may have missed nearby

5.00pm Final Bird Count-Theatre, bring your photos to be judged by the Leaders for the evenings events

6:00pm Dinner in the Pavillion- Followed by the prestigious Birdweek award presentations

## SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

-The long goodbye

6:00am ONE MORE TIME- Early Birdwalk Moran's Valley. An attempt at finding the Lewins Rail.

7.30am Breakfast and fairwell until next year- Checkout and you are more than welcome to stay and enjoy our activities program.