



Flock to O'Reilly's from March 5th - 10th, 2023 to join bird lovers for Australia's longest running birding program

Join us as we venture into UNESCO World Heritage Lamington National Park and surrounds searching for migratory birds that may be about to leave for wintering grounds further afield.

Explore a range of habitats from dry rainforests to lagoons, while taking in amazing scenery.

This six day event combines guided tours with specialized bird guides, as well as presentations by local experts. O'Reilly's is a photographers paradise with expert assistance on hand by our wildlife photographers throughout the event.

If interested to share your photos, be sure and tag **#oreillysbirdweek** for the chance to get your images posted on our social media channels with credit to you.



DAY 1 - Sunday 5th March - Autumn Birdweek Welcome and introductory birding

4:00pm - Welcome to Autumn Birdweek 2023

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

5:00pm - Toast to Birdweek. Meet at the Observation Deck to mingle with fellow birders and enjoy a mountain sunset.

6:00pm - Dinner in the Dining Room - There will be a Birdweek dining area section in the Dining Room.

Reminder to hand in your selected field trip itinerary options to the Discovery Centre this evening or tomorrow please.

DAY 2 - Monday 6th March - Mountain based birding sites

6:00am - Local Birdwalk Booyong and Border Track area and rainforest along the road. (1.5hrs) We shall seek out rainforest species around the Rainforest Circuit area of the Border Track and Booyong Walk.

7:30am - Breakfast

9:00am - Eucalypt birding along the Duck Creek Road. Surveying around Maries Gate, Kurrajong Lookout and Belsons Road (Bus based short walks - 3hrs). Morning can be quite active in the high Eucalypt forest as we target sightings of Red Browed Treecreeper, Glossy Black Cockatoo, Sittellas, Cicadabird, Fairy Wrens, Thornbills, Honeyeaters, Pardalotes and Raptors. Rainforest and farm birds also likely.

12:30pm - Lunch

2:00pm - Morans Falls Rainforest Birding. (2km, 2.5hrs, bus return). Another classic walk targeting rainforest species such as Paradise Riflebird, Noisy Pitta, Pale Yellow Robin, Wompoo Pigeon, Monarchs and some Eucalypt species at the end of the trail.

6:00pm - Dinner in the Dining Room

8:00pm - Nocturnal Bird Spotlighting - (short walks, vehicle based - 2hrs approximately). A search of local area seeking any night-birds such as; Boobook Owl, Marbled Frogmouth, Owlet Nightjar and hopefully a Sooty Owl. Please bring a torch and suitable clothing.

DAY 3 - Tuesday 7th March - Kerry Valley Tour

7:30am - Breakfast

8:30am - Kerry Valley Bus Tour - (lunch out) - Full day out birding lower elevations of the scenic valley habitats toward Beaudesert and the delightful Kerry Valley. We shall be searching bushlands and waterholes for Snipes, Rails, Finches, Sittellas, Grassbirds, Kingfishers, Waterfowl, Raptors, Flycatchers, Bee-Eaters, Speckled Warbler, Honeyeaters, Babblers and much more. Always a great day out.

All birders will have a packed lunch today regardless if they are staying or going on the Tour. Those staying can collect their lunch from the Discovery Centre after breakfast or Reception later in the day.

9:00am - Local Guided Birding





DAY 3 - Tuesday 7th March - Kerry Valley Tour (continued)

2:00pm - Botany Walk with Bill MacDonald

7:00pm - Dinner in the Dining Room

DAY 4 - Wednesday 8th March - Mountain based birding sites

6:00am - Local Birdwalk - Towards Villa Track campground area

7:30am - Breakfast

9:00am - **Python Rock Lookout Track** (3.4km level walk, 3hrs) - A classic birding track offering rainforest species such as Thrushes, Lyrebird, Pitta, Riflebird, Catbird, Wompoo Pigeon, Rose Robin with some Eucalypt forest edge species and escarpment views.

12:30pm - Lunch

2:00pm - **Charlies Waterhole and Kamarun Lookout area** - (bus based short walks, 3hrs) - another mix of habitats for a afternoon of birding. Dry rainforest and Eucalypt species. Targeting Monarchs, Yellow Thornbill, Little Shrike Thrush, Wompoo Pigeon, Bell Miner, Brush Cuckoo, Cicadabird, Raptors and Fairy Wrens.

6:00pm - Bird Count before Dinner in Theatre (please bring species list)

DAY 5 - Thursday 9th March - Coastal Tour

7:30am - Breakfast

8:30am - **Eastern Coastal Lagoons** - (bus based short walks-full day-lunch out) - Today will focus off the ranges and towards the bird rich lower end of the Albert River catchment. We shall explore the Coombabah, Arundel and Emerald Lakes areas.

There is a huge array of interesting possibilities with expectations of some migratory species still present. Hopefully we shall find Reed Warbler, Black Kite, Forest Kingfisher, Magpie Geese, Mangrove warbler/ Kingfisher/Honeyeaters, Avocets, Sandpipers, Mangrove Kingfishers, Swifts, Owlet Nightjar, Jabiru, Terns, Shorebirds. Finches, Woodswallows, Swifts and much more.

9:00am - We shall be birding on the famous **Wishing Tree Track** for a couple of hours seeking the rainforest birds and some edge type species at the end of the track. (1.5km, 2.5 hr downhill, bus pickup, 3hrs).

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2:00pm - Local Guided Walk

6:30pm - **Final species count in the Dining Room** - Please bring along your species list and we shall summarise the week that it was and it's birds. Highlights and magic moments will be reflected on. We will have a prestigious award presentation for the best sighting of the week.

7:30pm - Dinner in the Dining Room





DAY 6 - Friday 10th March - Mountain Morning

6:00am - Morning birding along the Villa Track and towards the Centennial Track (1.5hr).

7:30am - Breakfast

9:00am - Border Track (2.5hrs) - we shall venture along the famous Border Track in case we have missed anything in that direction, seeking mainly rainforest species. Return via the same route.

1:00pm - Lunch

Please Note:

- * You will be notified of any program changes which are mainly due to changes in weather.*
- * Please check the information board in the Discovery Centre for the program, tour lists, changes and additional information.*
- * 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 too.*
- * Lower Duck Creek Road is not accessible at present. Valley tours will travel via Canungra.*
- * Please wear your name tags throughout the week.*

