

AUTUMN BIRD WEEK

3 - 8 March 2024



**Flock to O'Reilly's from March 3rd - 8th,
to join bird lovers for Australia's famous
Autumn 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 3 March

Welcome to O'Reilly's

4:30PM

WELCOME

We will gather in the Theatrette to meet your leaders and summarise the Program for the week ahead.

5:30PM

DRINKS

Toast to Bird Week. Meet at the Observation Deck to mingle with fellow birders and enjoy a mountain sunset.

6:30PM

DINNER

There will be a Bird Week dining area section in the Dining Room.



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

DAY 2



Monday 4 March

Mountain based birding sites

6:00AM

LOCAL BIRD WALK

Local Bird walk - Tree Top Walk and Botanic Gardens.

7:30AM

BREAKFAST

9:00AM

MORAN'S VALLEY

Moran's Valley (3 hr, back for lunch - vehicle based, short nearby walks). Various stops across diverse habitats such as regrowth rainforest, wet eucalypt forest and escarpment. Stopping at the Flying Fox, Moran's clearing, and Balancing Rock.

12:30PM

LUNCH

In the Dining Room.

2:00PM

CHARLIES WATERHOLE / KAMARUN LOOKOUT AREA

Bus based short walks, 3hrs. Another mix of habitats for an afternoon of birding. Dry rainforest and Eucalypt species. Targeting Monarchs, Yellow Thornbill, Little Shrike Thrush, Wompoo Pigeon, Bell Miner, Brush.

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 5 March

Kerry Valley Tour

7:00AM

BREAKFAST

Local Bird walk - Tree Top Walk and Botanic Gardens.

8:00AM

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.

6:00PM

DINNER

In the Dining Room.



All birders will have a packed lunch today regardless of 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.

DAY 4



Wednesday 6 March Mountain based birding sites.

6:00AM

LOCAL BIRD WALK

Towards Villa Track campground area

7:00AM

BREAKFAST

9:00AM

EUCALYPT BIRDING ALONG 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, Cicada bird, Fairy Wrens, Thornbills, Honeyeaters, Pardalotes and Raptors. Rainforest and farm birds also likely.

12:30PM

LUNCH

In the Dining Room.

2:00PM

PYTHON ROCK LOOKOUT (3KM, 3 HR)

Vehicle drop off and pick up at track start. A wonderful sub-tropical rainforest walks, possibilities including Paradise Riflebird and Noisy Pitta, with potential eucalypt species and raptor sightings along the escarpment from the lookout deck.

6:30PM

BIRD COUNT

Please bring species list.

7:00PM

DINNER

In the Dining Room.

DAY 5



Thursday 7 March

Coastal Tour

7:00 AM

BREAKFAST

8:00 AM

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 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, Wood swallows, Swifts and much more.

6:30 PM

BIRD COUNT

Final species count in the Dining Room - Please bring along your species list and we shall summarise the week that it was and its birds. Highlights and magic moments will be reflected on.

7:00 PM

DINNER

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DAY 6



Friday 8 March

Mountain Morning

6:00AM

VILLA TRACK / TOWARDS THE CENTENNIAL TRACK
Morning birding along the Villa Track and towards the Centennial Track 1.5hr

7:30AM

BREAKFAST

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.