

AUTUMN BIRD WEEK

8 -13 March 2026



Flock to O'Reilly's from March 8th - 13th 2026 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 [#oreilysbirdweek](#) for the chance to get your images posted on our social media channels with credit to you.

DAY 1



Welcome to O'Reilly's Sunday 8 March

4:30PM

WELCOME

Welcome to Autumn Bird Week 2026

We will gather in the Eco Rangers Room 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

BUFFET DINNER 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 9 March

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.

9:00AM

BIRDS AND BOTANY WALK WITH BILL MACDONALD (3hr)

12:30PM

LUNCH IN THE CAFE

2:00PM

PYTHON ROCK LOOKOUT

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

BUFFET DINNER IN THE DINING ROOM

DAY 3



Tuesday 10 March

- 6:00AM** LOCAL BIRD WALK
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 OUT (PACKED LUNCH)
- 2:00PM** CHARLIES WATERHOLE AND KAMARUN LOOKOUT
Charlies Waterhole and 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
- 6:30PM** BUFFET DINNER IN THE DINING ROOM
- 8:00PM** NOCTURNAL BIRD SPOTLIGHTING
Nocturnal Bird Spotighting - (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.



All birders will have a packed lunch today regardless of if they are staying or going on the Tour.

DAY 4



Wednesday 11 March

6:00AM

LOCAL BIRD WALK

Local Bird walk - Tree Top Walk and Botanic Gardens.

7:00AM

BREAKFAST

9:00AM

WISHING TREE WALK

Wishing Tree Walk - (1.5km, 3hr) Sub-tropical rainforest birding at a relaxed pace. Seeking Paradise Riflebird, Noisy Pitta. Downhill, some uneven surfaces. Bus return from Cedar Tree.

12:30PM

LUNCH IN THE CAFE

2:00PM

WEST CLIFFS/ PATS BLUFF CIRCUIT

West Cliffs/ Pats Bluff circuit - (5km, 3½ hr, 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.

2:00PM

BIRDS AND BOTANY WALK WITH BILL MACDONALD (3hr)

5:30PM

BIRD COUNT (PLEASE BRING SPECIES LIST)

6:30PM

BUFFET DINNER IN THE DINING ROOM

DAY 5



Thursday 12 March

7:00AM

BREAKFAST

7:30AM

EASTERN COASTAL LAGOONS

Eastern Coastal Lagoons – [Shortened Version] (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.

On the way back birding at Main Road birding Lamington National Park Road.
(Based You would have already passed this country but not stopped to seek out its birds.

1PM

LUNCH AT CANUNGRA VALLEY VINEYARDS

5:30PM

FINAL SPECIES COUNT IN THE ECO RANGER 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.

6:30PM

BUFFET DINNER IN THE DINING ROOM

DAY 6



Friday 13 March

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.