



AUSTRALIA: QUEENSLAND BIRDING CUSTOM TOUR TRIP REPORT

2-18 OCTOBER 2019

By Andy Walker



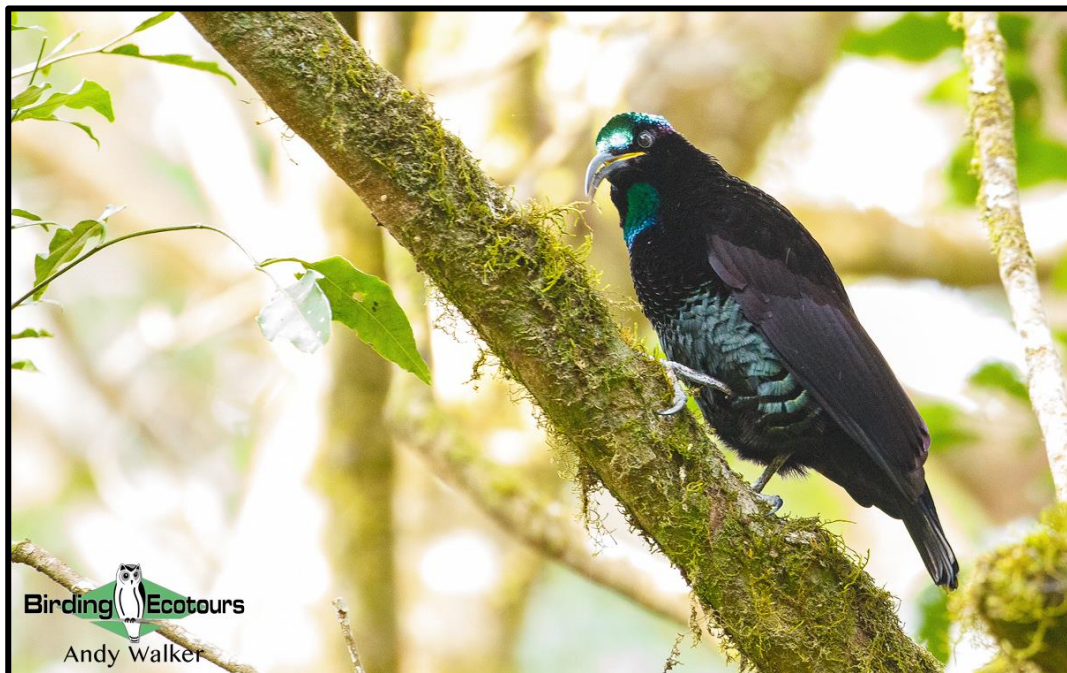
Albert's Lyrebird has a very restricted global distribution and was a major target bird on our tour. We had several sightings of different birds, including this male.

Overview

This custom birdwatching tour in Queensland, Australia, commenced in Brisbane on the 2nd of October 2019. We spend a few days birding within and around the city of Brisbane before briefly venturing into the very dry southeast of the state. Next we headed into the mountains and rainforest of Lamington National Park for a stay at the wonderful O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat. We followed our southern Queensland birding with a flight to Cairns, where we visited the amazing Great Barrier Reef and followed it up with a brief trip around the Atherton tablelands and back to Cairns, where the tour ended on the 18th of October 2019.

A total of 279 bird species were seen (plus 4 species heard only), including many Australian endemics as well as a number of very localized species. We also enjoyed an interesting range of mammals and reptiles (such as a range of kangaroos and wallabies, **Koala**, **Short-beaked Echidna**, and **Platypus**). Full species lists are provided at the end of this report.

Some of the avian highlights seen included **Southern Cassowary**, **Paradise Riflebird**, **Victoria's Riflebird**, **Albert's Lyrebird**, **Green Catbird**, **Spotted Catbird**, **Australian Logrunner**, **Chowchilla**, **Noisy Pitta**, **Fernwren**, **Mangrove Honeyeater**, **Greater Sooty Owl**, **Marbled Frogmouth**, **Papuan Frogmouth**, **Cockatiel**, **Glossy Black Cockatoo**, **Golden Bowerbird**, **Satin Bowerbird**, **Regent Bowerbird**, **Great Bowerbird**, **Tooth-billed Bowerbird**, **Australian Bustard**, **Sarus Crane**, **Blue-billed Duck**, **Pink-eared Duck**, **Beach Stone-curlew**, **Bassian Thrush**, **Russet-tailed Thrush**, **Rose Robin**, **Grey-headed Robin**, **Lovely Fairywren**, **Superb Fairywren**, **Red-backed Fairywren**, and **Yellow-breasted Boatbill**.



*We had incredible views of **Paradise Riflebird** during the tour. What an amazing way to see your first-ever bird-of-paradise, and surely a top candidate for 'bird of the trip'!*

Detailed Report

Day 1, 2nd October 2019. Arrival in Brisbane

Arrival in Brisbane, Queensland, and remainder of day at leisure. No birding.

Day 2, 3rd October 2019. Brisbane birding

We started the birding at a wetland site for our first taste of Australian birding. It was a fantastic location to start with some of the common birds we would see practically daily over the next few weeks, such as **Australian Magpie**, **Magpie-lark**, and **Willie Wagtail**, but it also gave us some more special and difficult birds, such as **Spotless Crane**, **Baillon's Crane**, **White-winged Triller**, and **Spectacled Monarch**. Fairywrens are always popular, and we found **Superb**, **Variegated**, and **Red-backed Fairywrens**, all in a short span of time. Moving into some mangroves we enjoyed excellent views of **Laughing Kookaburra**, **Torresian Kingfisher**, and **Mangrove Gerygone**. Another nearby lake gave us our first **Rainbow Bee-eater**, **White-bellied Sea Eagle**, and a stunning **Pale-headed Rosella**. We started our reptile list with several **Eastern Water Dragons**.



*Found around the north and northeast coast of Australia, we had great views of **Torresian Kingfisher**, a mangrove specialist, near Brisbane.*

Day 3, 4th October 2019. Brisbane birding

We spent the day around the south of Brisbane, where we saw many of the birds seen the previous day, which was a great way to help learn and remember a large number of birds. However, we also found lots of new birds, such as **Mangrove Honeyeater**, **Australian Brushturkey**, **Brown Quail**, **Brown Falcon**, **Black-shouldered Kite**, **Scarlet Myzomela**, **Mistletoebird**, **Golden-headed Cisticola**, **Black-faced Monarch**, and **Tawny Grassbird**. It was great fun watching the brushturkey dragging leaves to its nest mound along a footpath.

Day 4, 5th October 2019. Brisbane birding

This morning was spent birding to the north of the city, where several new birds were found, including **White-throated Gerygone**, **Varied Triller**, **Rufous Fantail**, **Great Crested Grebe**, **Whistling Kite**, **Sacred Kingfisher**, **White-throated Treecreeper**, **Lewin's Honeyeater**, **Little Friarbird**, **Noisy Friarbird**, **White-browed Scrubwren**, **Large-billed Scrubwren**, **Leaden Flycatcher**, **Eastern Yellow Robin**, and **Silvereye**. A mammal highlight was a **Koala** found sitting out in the open in the top of a tree, and a reptile highlight was a **Lace Monitor** loafing up a tree.

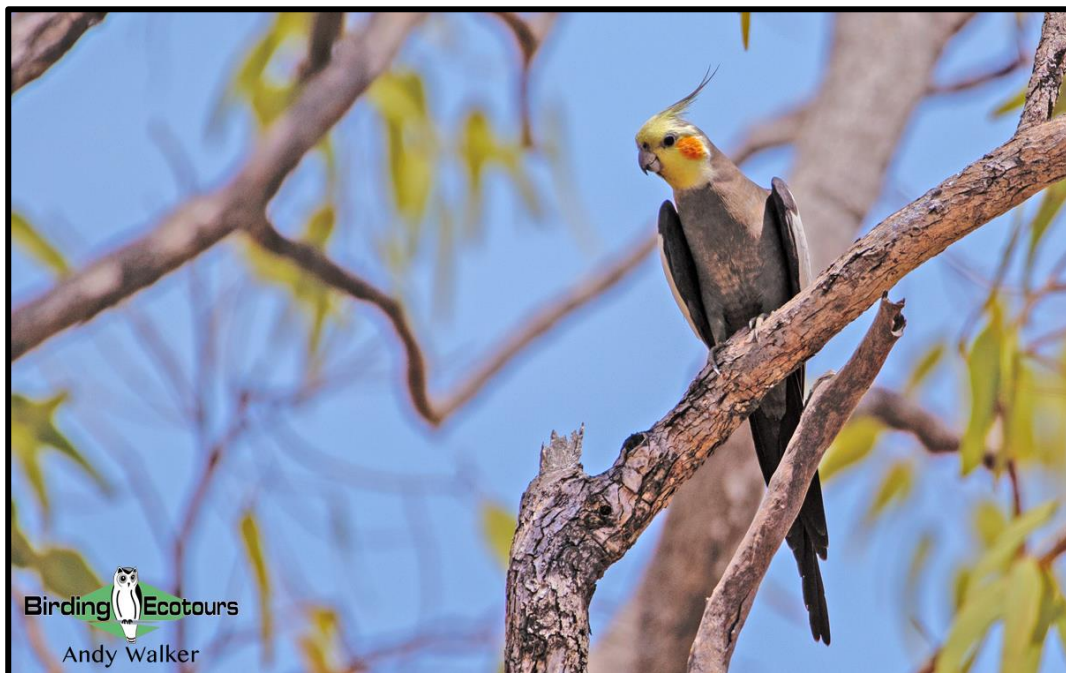
An evening spotlighting session also to the north of the city was very rewarding with great views of **Marbled Frogmouth**, **Tawny Frogmouth**, and **Greater Sooty Owl**. We also found a **Short-eared Brushtail Possum**.

Day 5, 6th October 2019. Non-birding day

Non-birding day.

Day 6, 7th October 2019. Brisbane to Stanthorpe

We left the city early as we were expecting a hot day (which peaked at an unseasonable 41°C!). As we headed over the Great Dividing Range we stopped at several sites and found plenty of new birds, including **Banded Lapwing**, **Wedge-tailed Eagle**, **Cockatiel**, **Channel-billed Cuckoo**, **Red-rumped Parrot**, **Oriental Dollarbird**, **Red-necked Avocet**, **Red-capped Plover**, **Yellow-billed Spoonbill**, **Striped Honeyeater**, **Fuscous Honeyeater**, **Jacky Winter**, **Red-browed Finch**, **Double-barred Finch**, **Plumed Whistling Duck**, and **Magpie Goose**. We also found another **Koala**; this one was lower down and much closer than at our previous sighting and gave some great views.



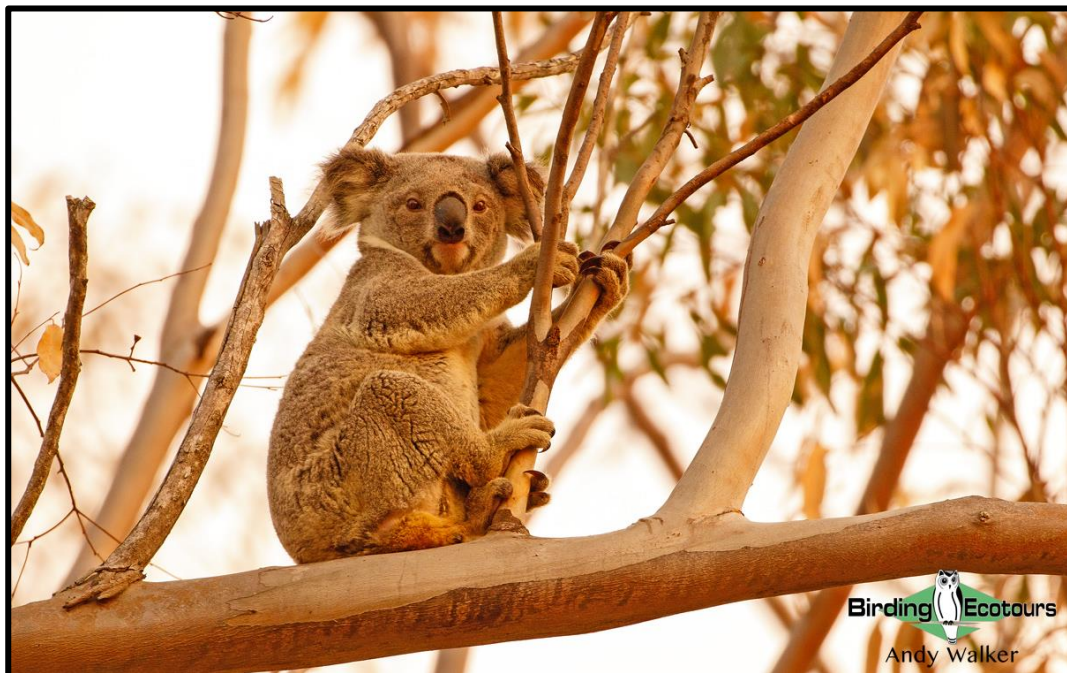
*A familiar pet around the world, but you can't beat the real thing, a lovely wild **Cockatiel***

After getting the bulk of the journey to Stanthorpe done during the heat of the day we made a brief trip out late in the afternoon and found **Blue-billed Duck**, **Hoary-headed Grebe**, and **Latham's Snipe** and also improved our views of **Red-kneed Dotterel** and **Black-fronted Dotterel**. A few other new birds were found too, such as **Crimson Rosella** and **White-eared Honeyeater**. A few non-bird highlights included **Red-bellied Black Snake**, **Eastern Bearded Dragon**, **Eastern Grey Kangaroo**, and **Short-beaked Echidna**.

Day 7, 8th October 2019. Girraween National Park to Lamington National Park

A very hot, turning extremely windy morning in Girraween National Park south of Stanthorpe was still rewarding with many new and interesting birds recorded. Some of these were **Apostlebird**, **Eastern Rosella**, **Weebill** (Australia's smallest bird), **Purple-backed Fairywren**, **Dusky Woodswallow**, **Buff-rumped**, **Yellow-rumped**, **Striated**, and **Brown Thornbills**, **Red Wattlebird**, **Yellow-tufted Honeyeater**, **Brown-headed Honeyeater**, **White-plumed Honeyeater**, **White-winged Triller**, **Spotted Pardalote**, **Australian Raven**, and **Common Bronzewing**. Further interest was provided by numerous **Eastern Grey Kangaroos**, **Red-necked Wallaby**, and **Swamp Wallaby**. One highlight from here was the sight of a **Tawny Frogmouth** sitting on its nest.

As the wind picked up to the extent that it was impossible and unsafe to bird we started our journey to Lamington National Park. Along the way we added some good birds, such as the stunning **Spotted Harrier** and **Pheasant Coucal**, **Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo**, **Bell Miner**, **Yellow Thornbill**, and **Wonga Pigeon**. As we neared our destination for the next few nights (O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat) we found several **Whiptail Wallabies**, and, amazingly, another **Koala**, our third in four days!



*There was a lot of smoke in the atmosphere from some huge forest fires, and that, combined with the setting sun, cast an unusual light on this **Koala**.*

Day 8, 9th October 2019. Lamington National Park and O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat

We had an excellent morning birding near our accommodation, with most of our major regional targets falling into place very nicely. First a magnificently plumaged male **Albert's Lyrebird** strutted his stuff along a trail, quickly followed by **Regent Bowerbird**, **Green Catbird**, and **Australian King Parrot**, and then, best of all, by breathtaking views of a male **Paradise Riflebird** feeding (and occasionally calling) at eye-level and at close range for a prolonged period. Soon after this we had very good, conclusive looks at a **Bassian Thrush**. Throw in **Brown Cuckoo-Dove**, **Eastern Yellow Robin**, **Eastern Spinebill**, **Yellow-throated Scrubwren**, **Crimson Rosella**, **Satin Bowerbird**, and **Eastern Whipbird**, and it was a pretty impressive pre-breakfast birding session!



Bassian Thrush gave us some very good and close views.

After breakfast another, different circuit near our accommodation provided further looks at many of the above, including three more **Albert's Lyrebirds** (a mix of female/immature birds), along with **Russet-tailed Thrush**, **Australian Logrunner**, **Rufous Fantail**, and **Australian Golden Whistler**. The rather dainty **Red-necked Pademelon** was a fun sight. More of the same followed during the afternoon with repeat looks at several of the above species.

Day 9, 10th October 2019. Lamington National Park and O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat

We had a fairly relaxing day birding around the area, dropping down to some eucalyptus forest, where we found a flock of 11 **Glossy Black Cockatoos**, which showed really well for us, as well as **Bell Miner**, **Yellow-faced Honeyeater**, and **Brown Falcon**. A stop-off at a viewpoint in some rainforest yielded a few new species and improved view of a few others. The pick of the birds here included the New Zealand subspecies (*lucidus*) of **Shining Bronze Cuckoo** (a passage bird heading back to New Zealand to breed), our best views of **Wonga Pigeon**, **Black-faced Monarch**, and **Varied Triller**, as well as a fairly tame **Australian Pipit** and **Pied Butcherbird**.



*It is always a privilege to see the rare **Glossy Black Cockatoo**, but to see it this well was a real treat.*

The afternoon was spent walking near our accommodation, where we enjoyed a very showy **Superb Fairywren** as well as our first male **Rose Robin** – surely one of the cutest birds in Australia (and a good reason to be brave and go up on the canopy walkway!). We improved views of **Green Catbird** with half a dozen or more feeding in a fruiting tree, along with a few **Topknot Pigeons**. Needless to say, we also enjoyed watching and photographing the amazing garden birds here, such as **Regent Bowerbird**, **Satin Bowerbird**, **Australian King Parrot**, **Crimson Rosella**, **Rainbow Lorikeet**, **Australian Brushturkey**, and **Lewin's Honeyeaters**. A little rain overnight was a welcome sight.

Day 10, 11th October 2019. Lamington National Park to Brisbane

After a few showers overnight and a threatening sky we were hopeful that the rain would play to our advantage, and it certainly did... As we set off to the forest trails for our final walk here we found a male **Albert's Lyrebird** feeding out in the open. A great start to the day, again, was quickly followed by a perched **White-headed Pigeon** giving prolonged views. At this point a couple of **Rose Robins** could be heard calling in different directions, and then the sound of a distant **Noisy Pitta** rang out, too far to chase but encouraging. As we entered the forest proper we found **Australian Logrunner**, **Yellow-throated**, **White-browed**, and **Large-billed Scrubwrens**, **Eastern Yellow Robin**, and **Eastern Whipbird**. As we were heading to the canopy walkway we heard another **Noisy Pitta** calling, then another answering. One of these was close enough to chase, so after it we went. Relatively quickly (for a pitta) we were enjoying prolonged views of this stunning bird as it sat in a tree singing. We were able to get some photographs and sound recordings of the bird. No doubt the sudden increase in audible activity was linked to the overnight (and current) light rain. A fourth pitta of the morning was also heard calling! Really pleased with our pitta we headed onto the canopy walkway to enjoy eye-level views of **Rose Robin** and also could watch the **Noisy Pitta** feeding below us – what a sight! A **Paradise Riflebird** was heard calling

but was a long way off, and we were never going to beat our first views of this bird. As we headed back to the lodge for breakfast we found **Bassian Thrush** and a few other things. We also stopped to view a **Satin Bowerbird** bower, which was a great way to end our time on the mountain as we watched the male clean up parts of his display.



After a small amount of much-needed rainfall Noisy Pitta was very vocal, and this one showed well.

Fully satisfied with our birding and after yet another great breakfast (briefly interrupted by amazing views of **Regent Bowerbird**) we headed down the mountain, stopping to view a couple of small flocks of **Glossy Black Cockatoos** (likely the same birds as on the previous day and giving even better views).

A few stops on the way back to Brisbane in the afternoon gave us a good set of waterbirds and raptors, including **Grey Goshawk**, **White-bellied Sea Eagle**, **Latham's Snipe**, **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper**, **Glossy Ibis**, **Black-fronted Dotterel**, and **Red-kneed Dotterel**. **Chestnut-breasted Mannikin**, **Variegated Fairywren**, and **Long-billed Corella** provided some further distraction, as too did a gorgeously well-marked and bright **Eastern Water Dragon**. Perhaps one of the highlights, though, was the day-roost of hundreds of **Black Flying Foxes** and **Grey-headed Flying Foxes**, a spectacular sight indeed.

Day 11, 12th October 2019. Brisbane to Cairns

We took a morning flight between Brisbane and Cairns, arriving early in the afternoon. We left a very wet Brisbane and arrived in a hot and humid Cairns. After checking into our hotel and collecting our vehicle we spent some time birding at a couple of sights in the city, finding a few new birds. First was a quick visit to the Cairns Botanic Gardens, where we found **Raja Shelduck**, **Magpie Goose**, **Black Butcherbird**, **Brown-backed Honeyeater**, **Metallic Starling**, **Olive-backed Sunbird**, and **Hornbill Friarbird**. Our second stop was along the esplanade, where we found **Varied Honeyeater**, **Double-eyed Fig Parrot**, and **Peaceful Dove** in the trees and **Far**

Eastern Curlew, Whimbrel, Great Knot, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Red-necked Stint, and other shorebirds present on the beach. A sizeable flock of **Australian Terns** was also present, roosting with a **Caspian Tern** among them too.

Day 12, 13th October 2019. Non-birding day
Non-birding day.

Day 13, 14th October 2019. Great Barrier Reef

We spent the day on the Great Barrier Reef, enjoying a range of seabirds and underwater life. Highlight birds included exceptionally close and great views of **Great Frigatebird, Brown Booby, Brown Noddy, Sooty Tern, Bridled Tern, Greater Crested Tern,** and **Lesser Crested Tern.** We also had several other birds flying about, such as **Red-footed Booby, Black-naped Tern, Black Noddy,** and **Little Tern.** As excellent as all of these birds were, the time spent underwater was even more exciting as we enjoyed swimming with at least five **Green Turtles** – just amazing! Furthermore, the huge array of tropical fish swimming around with us, set in some beautiful coral reef, were breathtaking with their beauty and diversity.

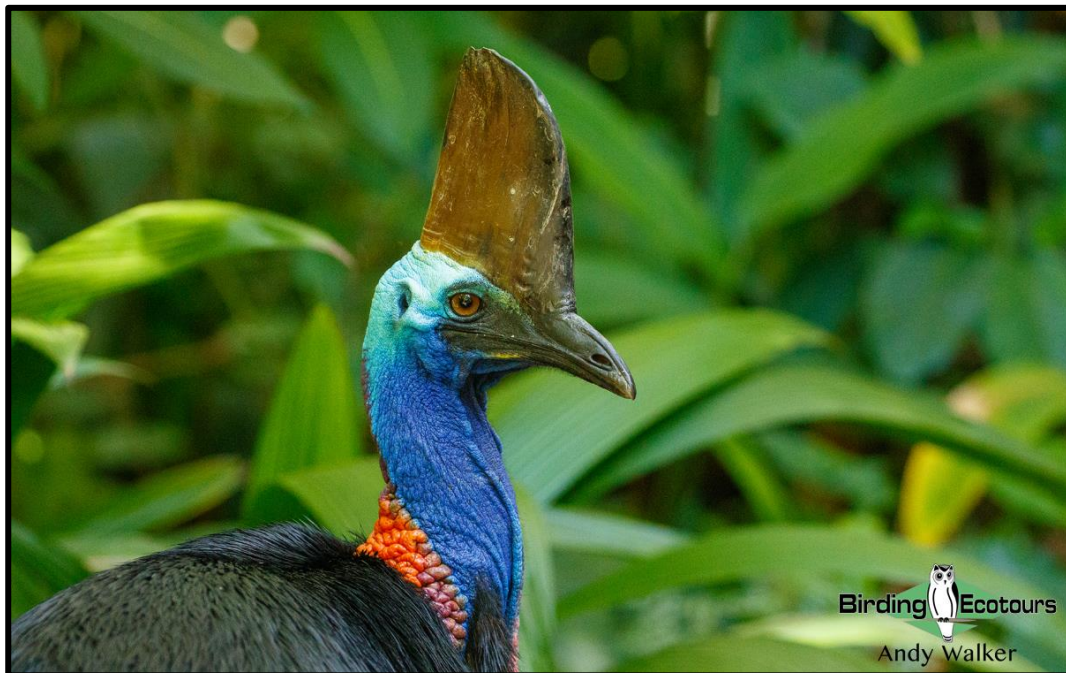


*Swimming around the Great Barrier Reef is always a trip highlight, especially when you get to swim with a **Green Turtle**, or several of them in this case!*

Before we left the coast we had a quick look along the famous Cairns Esplanade once more, where we found the monstrously huge **Beach Stone-curlew, Grey-tailed Tattler,** and **Curlew Sandpiper** (as well as most of the birds from our previous visit). Bushes nearby gave us **Nankeen Night Heron, Yellow Honeyeater,** and **Varied Honeyeater.** Afterwards we swapped the coast for the rainforest of Kuranda for the night.

Day 14, 15th October 2019. Kuranda to Lake Eacham

We awoke to the sounds of the rainforest of tropical northern Queensland and were soon watching a wide range of new birds, including **Wompoo Fruit Dove**, **Superb Fruit Dove**, **Barred Cuckooshrike**, **Australian Swiftlet**, **White-throated Needle-tail**, **Yellow-spotted Honeyeater**, **Macleay's Honeyeater**, **Dusky Myzomela**, **Fairy Gerygone**, **Rufous Shrikethrush**, **Common Cicadabird**, **Grey Whistler**, **Pale-yellow Robin**, and **White-eared Monarch**. There was lots to take in before breakfast! Our breakfast, at the wonderful Cassowary House, was delayed, however, by the unparalleled (and potential 'bird of the trip'), humongous female **Southern Cassowary**, which had appeared in the garden quite unexpectedly (she'd not been seen for a fortnight). We watched her in awe for a good hour on and off as she ate some fruit, then some tadpoles, then drank and little and preened before eating some more fruit and walking into the forest. All of this was observed from a close yet safe distance, dumbfounded at what we were seeing. While watching the cassowary it was evident that a male **Victoria's Riflebird** was displaying nearby, and so after breakfast we walked a little way into the forest to watch the male bird do his thing – amazing. We were also visited by the cassowary, so carefully and quietly we made our way out of her patch! What an incredible morning! We also added our first **Forest Kingfisher** and **Pacific Baza** here.



*There are not many birds in the world that are more impressive than the **Southern Cassowary**, and we enjoyed prolonged views of this highly sought species.*

Starting in the late morning we drove through the Atherton Tablelands, stopping at wetlands, dry forest, and more rainforest. During this time we found plenty to keep us occupied, such as **Golden Bowerbird**, **Red-tailed Black Cockatoo**, **Sarus Crane**, **Banded Honeyeater**, **Australian Hobby**, **Bridled Honeyeater**, **Atherton Scrubwren**, **White-cheeked Honeyeater**, and **Bush Stone-curlew**. However, one of the non-bird highlights took some beating, namely good views being had of **Platypus**. What a bizarre creature, and what a great way to end what had been a remarkable day (which actually finished with us also finding **Carpet Python**, **Long-nosed Bandicoot**, **Sugar Glider**, and **Australian Boobook** near our accommodation)!

Day 15, 16th October 2019. Lake Eacham to Mount Molloy

This was another excellent day of visiting varied habitats. We started in rainforest, where we had exceptional views of a male **Yellow-breasted Boatbill**, along with displaying **Victoria's Riflebird**, several **Spotted Catbirds**, **Tooth-billed Bowerbird**, **Orange-footed Scrubfowl**, **Pale-yellow Robin**, **Grey-headed Robin** (on a nest), **Wompoo Fruit Dove**, **Superb Fruit Dove**, **Brown Cuckoo-Dove**, **Double-eyed Fig Parrot** (perched finally!), and **Pied Monarch** among many of the birds enjoyed the previous day. We were also pleased to find the beautiful **Boyd's Forest Dragon**, which showed well for us. The Curtain Fig Tree has to go down as one of the most spectacular trees seen on the trip too!



*To get eye-level (and below) views of **Yellow-breasted Boatbill** was really nice!*

As we moved through some dry habitat we found a large mob of **Eastern Grey Kangaroos**, along with plenty of birds, such as **Blue-winged Kookaburra**, **Australian Bustard**, **Sarus Crane**, **Red-winged Parrot**, **White-browed Robin**, **Yellow Honeyeater**, **White-eared Monarch**, **Fairy Gerygone**, **White-bellied Cuckooshrike**, **Pheasant Coucal**, **Wedge-tailed Eagle**, and **Great Bowerbird**.

It was another action-packed day full of new and exciting birds!

Day 16, 17th October 2019. Mount Lewis Area

We started our final day of Australian birding in Mount Molloy before we gained some altitude and headed to Mount Lewis. Dry country birding yielded **Red-winged Parrot**, **Black-necked Stork**, and **White-browed Crake**, and as we hit the edge of a patch of rainforest we searched for and found a pair of (huge) **Papuan Frogmouths**, **Metallic Starling**, **Forest Kingfisher**, **Channel-billed Cuckoo**, **Graceful Honeyeater**, **Large-billed Gerygone**, and **Double-eyed Fig Parrot**. On entering the mountain forest we immediately found our two main targets, **Fernwren** and **Chowchilla**. We also saw **Victoria's Riflebird**, **Spotted Catbird**, **Tooth-billed Bowerbird**,

Bridled Honeyeater, Atherton Scrubwren, Grey-headed Robin, and a pair of nesting Barred Cuckooshrikes.

Our final birding stop of the tour was at a wetland site near Cairns, where we found **Lovely Fairywren, Green Pygmy Goose, Green Oriole, Brown-backed Honeyeater, and Olive-backed Sunbird.**

Our final evening dinner on the Cairns Esplanade was spent reminiscing about all of the wonderful birds we had seen. Choosing a 'bird of the trip' was a tough task, but it was always going to be **Southern Cassowary!**



Papuan Frogmouth was one of a number of great birds on our final day birding in Australia.

Day 17, 18th October 2019. Tour concludes

Non-birding day. International departure from Cairns, Queensland, to Auckland, New Zealand (via Sydney, New South Wales) for the start of a New Zealand birding tour.

Bird List – Following IOC (9.2)

Birds ‘heard only’ are marked with (H) after the common name, all other species were seen. The following notation after the common names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened. Australian endemics are bolded.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Cassowaries, Emu (Casuariidae)	
Southern Cassowary	<i>Casuarius casuarius</i>
Megapodes (Megapodiidae)	
Australian Brushturkey	<i>Alectura lathamii</i>
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius reinwardt</i>
Pheasants & Allies (Phasianidae)	
Brown Quail	<i>Coturnix ypsilophora</i>
Magpie Goose (Anseranatidae)	
Magpie Goose	<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>
Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)	
Plumed Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>
Wandering Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna arcuata</i>
Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>
Raja Shelduck	<i>Radjah radjah</i>
Pink-eared Duck	<i>Malacorhynchus membranaceus</i>
Maned Duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>
Green Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus pulchellus</i>
Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>
Grey Teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>
Chestnut Teal	<i>Anas castanea</i>
Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>
Blue-billed Duck - NT	<i>Oxyura australis</i>
Frogmouths (Podargidae)	
Marbled Frogmouth	<i>Podargus ocellatus</i>
Papuan Frogmouth	<i>Podargus papuensis</i>
Tawny Frogmouth	<i>Podargus strigoides</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Swifts (Apodidae)	
Australian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus terraereginae</i>
White-throated Needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>
Bustards (Otididae)	
Australian Bustard	<i>Ardeotis australis</i>
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Pheasant Coucal	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>
Pacific Koel (H)	<i>Eudynamys orientalis</i>
Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx basalis</i>
Shining Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>
Fan-tailed Cuckoo (H)	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>
Brush Cuckoo (H)	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
White-headed Pigeon	<i>Columba leucomela</i>
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia phasianella</i>
Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>
Common Bronzewing	<i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>
Crested Pigeon	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>
Wonga Pigeon	<i>Leucosarcia melanoleuca</i>
Peaceful Dove	<i>Geopelia placida</i>
Bar-shouldered Dove	<i>Geopelia humeralis</i>
Wompoo Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus magnificus</i>
Superb Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>
Torresian Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula spilorrhoa</i>
Topknot Pigeon	<i>Lopholaimus antarcticus</i>
Rails, Crakes & Coots (Rallidae)	
Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>
Spotless Crake	<i>Porzana tabuensis</i>
White-browed Crake	<i>Porzana cinerea</i>
Australasian Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio melanotus</i>
Dusky Moorhen	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Cranes (Gruidae)	
Sarus Crane - VU	<i>Antigone antigone</i>
Grebes (Podicipedidae)	
Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>
Hoary-headed Grebe	<i>Poliocephalus poliocephalus</i>
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)	
Bush Stone-curlew - NT	<i>Burhinus grallarius</i>
Beach Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>
Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)	
Pied Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus longirostris</i>
Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)	
Pied Stilt	<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>
Red-necked Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra novaehollandiae</i>
Plovers (Charadriidae)	
Banded Lapwing	<i>Vanellus tricolor</i>
Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>
Red-kneed Dotterel	<i>Erythrogonys cinctus</i>
Red-capped Plover	<i>Charadrius ruficapillus</i>
Black-fronted Dotterel	<i>Elseyaornis melanops</i>
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
Comb-crested Jacana	<i>Irediparra gallinacea</i>
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Far Eastern Curlew - EN	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>
Bar-tailed Godwit - NT	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Great Knot - EN	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Red-necked Stint - NT	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Latham's Snipe	<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>
Grey-tailed Tattler - NT	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae)	
Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>
Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>
Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>
Australian Tern	<i>Gelochelidon macrotarsa</i>
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>
Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i>
Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
Black-necked Stork - NT	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>
Frigatebirds (Fregatidae)	
Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>
Gannets, Boobies (Sulidae)	
Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>
Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)	
Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>
Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>
Australian Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)	
Australasian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>
Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)	
Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>
Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Royal Spoonbill	<i>Platalea regia</i>
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	<i>Platalea flavipes</i>
Herons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
Nankeen Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
White-necked Heron	<i>Ardea pacifica</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Pacific Reef Heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>
Pelicans (Pelecanidae)	
Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>
Ospreys (Pandionidae)	
Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>
Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae)	
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus axillaris</i>
Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata</i>
Wedge-tailed Eagle	<i>Aquila audax</i>
Grey Goshawk	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>
Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>
Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i>
Spotted Harrier	<i>Circus assimilis</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
Barn Owls (Tytonidae)	
Greater Sooty Owl	<i>Tyto tenebricosa</i>
Owls (Strigidae)	
Australian Boobook (H)	<i>Ninox boobook</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Oriental Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Laughing Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>
Blue-winged Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo leachii</i>
Forest Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus macleayii</i>
Torresian Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sordidus</i>
Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>
Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>
Brown Falcon	<i>Falco berigora</i>
Cockatoos (Cacatuidae)	
Cockatiel	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>
Red-tailed Black Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus banksii</i>
Glossy Black Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus lathami</i>
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus funereus</i>
Galah	<i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>
Long-billed Corella	<i>Cacatua tenuirostris</i>
Little Corella	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>
Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)	
Australian King Parrot	<i>Alisterus scapularis</i>
Red-winged Parrot	<i>Aprosmictus erythropterus</i>
Red-rumped Parrot	<i>Psephotus haematonotus</i>
Crimson Rosella	<i>Platycercus elegans</i>
Pale-headed Rosella	<i>Platycercus adscitus</i>
Eastern Rosella	<i>Platycercus eximius</i>
Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus moluccanus</i>
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus</i>
Double-eyed Fig Parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta diophthalma</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Pittas (Pittidae)	
Noisy Pitta	<i>Pitta versicolor</i>
Lyrebirds (Menuridae)	
Albert's Lyrebird - NT	<i>Menura alberti</i>
Bowerbirds (Ptilonorhynchidae)	
Green Catbird	<i>Ailuroedus crassirostris</i>
Spotted Catbird	<i>Ailuroedus maculosus</i>
Tooth-billed Bowerbird	<i>Scenopoeetes dentirostris</i>
Golden Bowerbird	<i>Prionodura newtoniana</i>
Regent Bowerbird	<i>Sericulus chrysocephalus</i>
Satin Bowerbird	<i>Ptilonorhynchus violaceus</i>
Great Bowerbird	<i>Chlamydera nuchalis</i>
Australasian Treecreepers (Climacteridae)	
White-throated Treecreeper	<i>Cormobates leucophaea</i>
Australasian Wrens (Maluridae)	
Lovely Fairywren	<i>Malurus amabilis</i>
Purple-backed Fairywren	<i>Malurus assimilis</i>
Variegated Fairywren	<i>Malurus lamberti</i>
Superb Fairywren	<i>Malurus cyaneus</i>
Red-backed Fairywren	<i>Malurus melanocephalus</i>
Honeyeaters (Meliphagidae)	
Dusky Myzomela	<i>Myzomela obscura</i>
Scarlet Myzomela	<i>Myzomela sanguinolenta</i>
Eastern Spinebill	<i>Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris</i>
Banded Honeyeater	<i>Cissomela pectoralis</i>
Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera indistincta</i>
White-cheeked Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris niger</i>
Striped Honeyeater	<i>Plectorhyncha lanceolata</i>
Macleay's Honeyeater	<i>Xanthotis macleayanus</i>
Little Friarbird	<i>Philemon citreogularis</i>
Hornbill Friarbird	<i>Philemon yorki</i>
Noisy Friarbird	<i>Philemon corniculatus</i>
Blue-faced Honeyeater	<i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Brown-headed Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus brevirostris</i>
White-throated Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus albogularis</i>
White-naped Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus lunatus</i>
White-eared Honeyeater	<i>Nesoptilotis leucotis</i>
Brown-backed Honeyeater	<i>Ramsayornis modestus</i>
Red Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>
Bridled Honeyeater	<i>Bolemoreus frenatus</i>
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	<i>Caligavis chrysops</i>
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus melanops</i>
Bell Miner	<i>Manorina melanophrys</i>
Noisy Miner	<i>Manorina melanocephala</i>
Yellow Honeyeater	<i>Stomiopera flava</i>
Varied Honeyeater	<i>Gavicalis versicolor</i>
Mangrove Honeyeater	<i>Gavicalis fasciogularis</i>
Fuscous Honeyeater	<i>Ptilotula fusca</i>
White-plumed Honeyeater	<i>Ptilotula penicillata</i>
Graceful Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga gracilis</i>
Yellow-spotted Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga notata</i>
Lewin's Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga lewinii</i>
Pardalotes (Pardalotidae)	
Spotted Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>
Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>
Australasian Warblers (Acanthizidae)	
Fernwren	<i>Oreoscopus gutturalis</i>
Weebill	<i>Smicrornis brevirostris</i>
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	<i>Neosericornis citreogularis</i>
Large-billed Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis magnirostra</i>
Atherton Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis kerri</i>
White-browed Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis frontalis</i>
Brown Gerygone	<i>Gerygone mouki</i>
Mangrove Gerygone	<i>Gerygone levigaster</i>
Large-billed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone magnirostris</i>
White-throated Gerygone	<i>Gerygone olivacea</i>
Fairy Gerygone	<i>Gerygone palpebrosa</i>
Brown Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza pusilla</i>
Buff-rumped Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza reguloides</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza chrysorrhoa</i>
Yellow Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza nana</i>
Striated Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza lineata</i>
Logrunners (Orthonychidae)	
Australian Logrunner	<i>Orthonyx temminckii</i>
Chowchilla	<i>Orthonyx spaldingii</i>
Whipbirds (Psophodidae)	
Eastern Whipbird	<i>Psophodes olivaceus</i>
Boatbills (Machaerirhynchidae)	
Yellow-breasted Boatbill	<i>Machaerirhynchus flaviventer</i>
Woodswallows, Butcherbirds & Allies (Artamidae)	
White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>
Dusky Woodswallow	<i>Artamus cyanopterus</i>
Black Butcherbird	<i>Melloria quoyi</i>
Australian Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>
Grey Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>
Pied Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>
Pied Currawong	<i>Strepera graculina</i>
Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)	
Barred Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina lineata</i>
Black-faced Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>
White-bellied Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>
Common Cicadabird	<i>Edolisoma tenuirostre</i>
White-winged Triller	<i>Lalage tricolor</i>
Varied Triller	<i>Lalage leucomela</i>
Whistlers & Allies (Pachycephalidae)	
Grey Whistler	<i>Pachycephala simplex</i>
Australian Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>
Rufous Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>
Bower's Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla boweri</i>
Rufous Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla rufogaster</i>
Grey Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Figbirds, Orioles, Turnagra (Oriolidae)	
Australasian Figbird	<i>Sphecotheres vieilloti</i>
Olive-backed Oriole	<i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>
Green Oriole	<i>Oriolus flavocinctus</i>
Drongos (Dicruridae)	
Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>
Fantails (Rhipiduridae)	
Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>
Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa</i>
Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>
Monarchs (Monarchidae)	
Spectacled Monarch	<i>Symposiachrus trivirgatus</i>
Black-faced Monarch	<i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>
White-eared Monarch	<i>Carterornis leucotis</i>
Pied Monarch	<i>Arses kaupi</i>
Magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>
Leaden Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>
Crows, Jays (Corvidae)	
Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>
Australian Raven	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>
Australian Mudnesters (Corcoracidae)	
Apostlebird	<i>Struthidea cinerea</i>
Birds-of-paradise (Paradisaeidae)	
Paradise Riflebird	<i>Ptiloris paradiseus</i>
Victoria's Riflebird	<i>Ptiloris victoriae</i>
Australasian Robins (Petroicidae)	
Pale-yellow Robin	<i>Tregellasia capito</i>
Eastern Yellow Robin	<i>Eopsaltria australis</i>
White-browed Robin	<i>Poecilodryas superciliosa</i>
Grey-headed Robin	<i>Heteromyias cinereifrons</i>
Jacky Winter	<i>Microeca fascinans</i>
Rose Robin	<i>Petroica rosea</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)	
Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>
Fairy Martin	<i>Petrochelidon ariel</i>
Tree Martin	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>
Reed Warblers & Allies (Acrocephalidae)	
Australian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus australis</i>
Grassbirds & Allies (Locustellidae)	
Tawny Grassbird	<i>Cincloramphus timoriensis</i>
Cisticolas & Allies (Cisticolidae)	
Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>
Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)	
Metallic Starling	<i>Aplonis metallica</i>
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Thrushes (Turdidae)	
Russet-tailed Thrush	<i>Zoothera heinei</i>
Bassian Thrush	<i>Zoothera lunulata</i>
Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)	
Mistletoebird	<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Olive-backed Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris jugularis</i>
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae)	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Waxbills, Munias & Allies (Estrildidae)	
Red-browed Finch	<i>Neochmia temporalis</i>
Double-barred Finch	<i>Taeniopygia bichenovii</i>
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Australian Pipit	<i>Anthus australis</i>
Total seen	279
Total heard only	4
Total recorded	283

Mammal List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Old World Fruit Bats (Pteropodidae)	
Black Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus alecto</i>
Spectacled Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus conspicillatus</i>
Grey-headed Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>
Little Red Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus scapulatus</i>
Kangaroos, Wallabies, and Relatives (Macropodidae)	
Agile Wallaby	<i>Macropus agilis</i>
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	<i>Macropus giganteus</i>
Whiptail Wallaby	<i>Macropus parryi</i>
Red-necked Wallaby	<i>Macropus rufogriseus</i>
Red-necked Pademelon	<i>Thylogale thetis</i>
Swamp Wallaby	<i>Wallabia bicolor</i>
Gliders and Striped Possums (Petauridae)	
Sugar Glider	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>
Brushtail Possums and Cuscuses (Phalangeridae)	
Short-eared Brushtail Possum	<i>Trichosurus caninus</i>
Koalas (Phascolarctidae)	
Koala	<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>
Ringtail Possums (Pseudocheiridae)	
Common Ringtail Possum	<i>Pseudocheirus peregrinus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Platypus (Ornithorhynchidae)	
Platypus	<i>Ornithorhynchus anatinus</i>
Echidnas (Tachyglossidae)	
Short-beaked Echidna	<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>
Bandicoots and Echymiperas (Peramelidae)	
Long-nosed Bandicoot	<i>Perameles nasuta</i>
Old World Mice and Allies (Muridae)	
White-tailed Giant Rat	<i>Uromys caudimaculatus</i>
Total Seen	18

Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Geckos (Gekkonidae)	
Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
Dragons (Agamidae)	
Boyd's Forest Dragon	<i>Hypsilurus boydii</i>
Eastern Water Dragon	<i>Intellagama lesueurii</i>
Eastern Bearded Dragon	<i>Pogona barbata</i>
Monitors (Varanidae)	
Lace Monitor	<i>Varanus varius</i>
Skinks (Scincidae)	
Bar-sided Forest-skink	<i>Eulamprus tenuis</i>
Eastern Water-skink	<i>Eulamprus quoyii</i>
Elapids (Elapidae)	
Red-bellied Black Snake	<i>Pseudechis porphyriacus</i>
Pythons (Pythonidae)	
Carpet Python	<i>Morelis spilota</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Sea turtles (Cheloniidae)	
Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
Freshwater turtles (Cheluidae)	
Saw-shelled Turtle	<i>Myochelys latisternum</i>
Total Seen	11