

Tropical Birding Tours

Australia: From Top to Bottom (Birding Tour)



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*All photos in this report were captured by the guide Ben Knoot unless otherwise stated.



Tour Itinerary

October 28th.....	Arrival in Cairns & Afternoon in Etty Bay
October 29th.....	Great Barrier Reef & Cairns Hotspots
October 30th.....	Cairns Hotspots to Daintree
October 31st.....	Daintree River Cruise to Mareeba
November 1st.....	Northern Tablelands (Mt. Lewis Area)
November 2nd.....	Atherton Tablelands and Crater Lakes
November 3rd.....	Crater Lakes/Cairns Hotspots/Etty Bay
November 4th.....	Cairns to O'Reilly's via Brisbane
November 5th.....	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat
November 6th.....	O'Reilly's to Sydney to Lithgow
November 7th.....	Capertee Valley to Forbes
November 8th.....	Forbes Hotspots to Lake Cargelligo
November 9th.....	Round Hill & Nombinni Reserve to Hay
November 10th.....	Hay Hotspots to Griffith
November 11th.....	Fivebough Swamp to Robertson
November 12th.....	Budderoo NP/Heathlands to Sydney
November 13th.....	Royal NP to Hobart
November 14th.....	Bruny Island and Mainland Tasmania
November 15th.....	Tasman Peninsula
November 16th.....	Departure from Hobart

Tour Summary

When you think of a dream birding destination, I bet Australia comes to mind or least is an “OH YA!” moment when someone mentions it. It is a truly captivating and awe inspiring place that all of the guests were ready to experience. This seasons ‘From Top to Bottom’ tour took those guests across a number of very special habitats, and witnessed some truly lovely species of birds, mammals and reptiles. This trip is split into four main parts; northern Queensland, montane forests of Brisbane, western reaches of Sydney and finally, ending on the stunning island of Tasmania.

We started in the tropical region of Cairns before we traveled west of the Kuranda and Gillies Ranges, where we experienced everything from Sub-tropical Rainforest, Sandy Cays and our first Eucalypt Savannas. Birding in conditions that were hot, humid, dark, unshaded, and even sometimes a bit chilly were all worth it for the incredible variety of birds and animals we covered. From the dinosaur-esq, giant and colorful Southern Cassowary to the skulking LBJ's we battled through the reoccurring drought conditions to pick up as many species as possible. Once we finished our time in the northern Queensland section, we flew south to Brisbane for a short stint in some Montane Rainforest at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat...an incredible place to unwind and do some great birding. Once we finished here, we flew down to Sydney for the third part of our tour.

We usually land late in Sydney and as a consequence, get to our hotel even later. The guests were serious troopers on this day, taking in a gourmet to-go dinner at Subway on our way towards Lithgow. The western reaches of Sydney, put us in Mallee, Mulga, Grassy Plains, Eucalypt Savanna and various woodlands. Birds like Emu, Pink Cockatoo, and Splendid Fairywren could only be outdone by even more outrageous birds like the monotypic Plains Wanderer of the Hay plains. After the outback we circled back to visit one of my favorite habitats, the coastal heathlands located just on the outskirts of Sydney. After a full 7-days in and west of Sydney we take a short plane ride to our last section of this adventure, the island of Tasmania.

Tasmania is arguably my favorite portion of this tour. Even though we are only there for a mere 2-days, something about it just connects with me, I love it! Here we set out on a mission to find all 12 Tasmanian endemics by visiting the even smaller Bruny Island and several hot birding areas on the Tasman Peninsula. Everything from the bold Flame Robin to the adorable Little Penguin, Tasmania is a truly special place to end what is arguably the most comprehensive Set-Departure of Australia offered on the market. Enjoy the report!

Day-to-Day Summary

Day 1: Arrival in Cairns/Afternoon around Etty Bay - (Oct 28th)

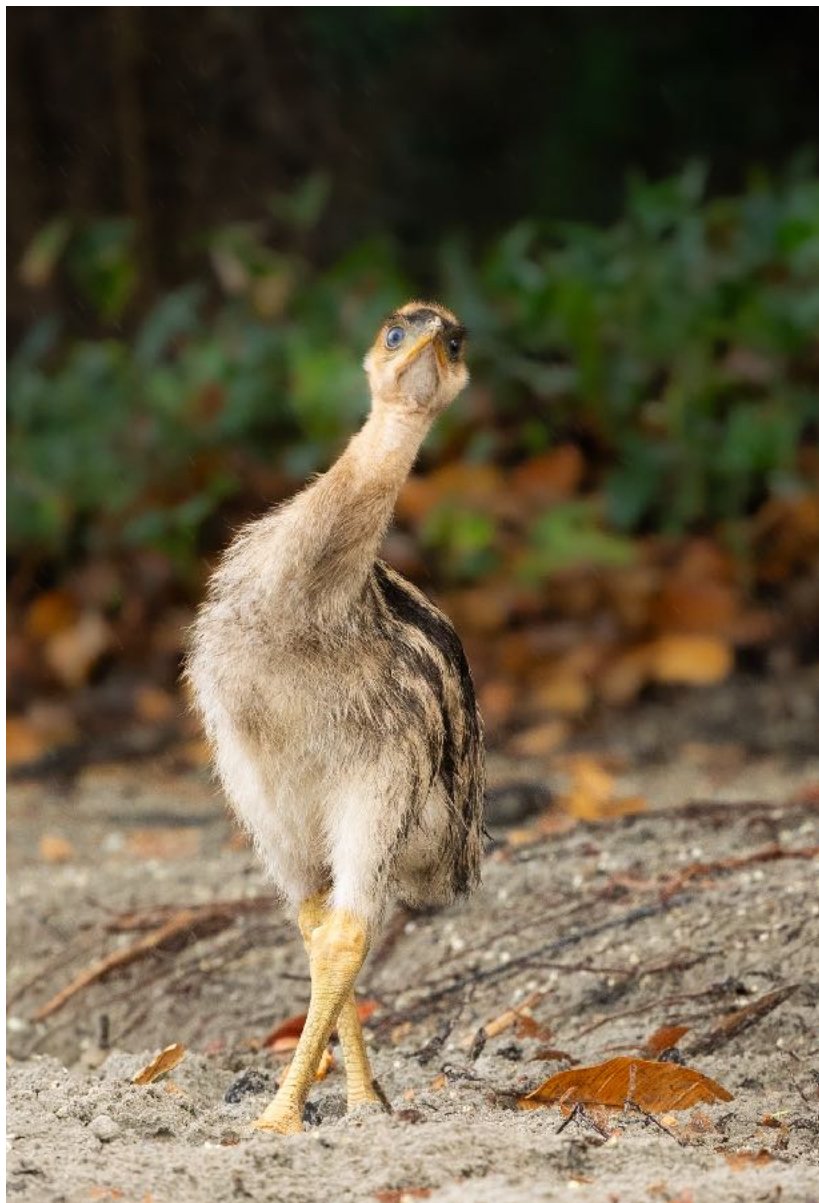
Arrival day does not simply mean meet, greet and eat on this tour. We got started right away with an hour and a half journey south with some afternoon birding along [Etty Bay Road](#). Here we picked up the more common and abundant birds like; **Metallic Starling, Bar-shouldered, Spotted and Peaceful Dove, Bush Thick-knee, Rainbow Bee-eater, White-breasted Woodswallow, Forest Kingfisher, Masked Lapwing, Great and Eastern Cattle Egret, White-bellied Sea-eagle, Black Kite, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Rainbow Lorikeet, Double-eyed Fig Parrot, Australasian Figbird, Willie Wagtail, Magpie Lark and Common Myna**. It was lovely to get these common birds out of the way but they were not what we were here to see.



Metallic Starling - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

We made our way down to [Etty Beach](#) to wait for our main star to appear. Or so I had planned... in reality, we didn't even make it down to the beach before we spotted a huge **Southern Cassowary** on the road. So sweet! We made our way down to the beach after a few minutes with a female to also find a male and a chick enjoying the slightly drizzly afternoon.

On the way back to Cairns, we stopped off at some [turf sod farms](#) to see if we could get lucky with a pratincole or little curlew. Neither of those birds were spotted but we did find; **Plumed Whistling Duck**, **Pacific Black Duck**, **Australian Pipit**, **Pacific Golden Plover** and **Black-fronted Dotterel**. A great Thai dinner and then off to bed to prep for the next day.



Southern Cassowary - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 2: Michaelmas Caye and The Great Barrier Reef - (Oct 29th)

Today is always fun. A quick check of the [South End of the Cairns Esplanade](#) gave us a few of our shorebird and 'water-bird' targets. Here we picked up; [Whimbrel](#), [Far Eastern Curlew](#), [Bar-tailed Godwit](#), [Great Knot](#), [Sharp-tailed](#) and [Gray-tailed Tattler](#), [Caspian](#) and [Australian Tern](#). The Mangroves gave us some nice views of [Brown Honeyeater](#), [Rose-crowned Fruit Dove](#) and [Mangrove Robin](#).



Mangrove Robin - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Common Greenshank - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

If you haven't explored [The Great Barrier Reef](#), you need to. It is a very cool experience. Equally as cool are the birds that call the tiny little sandy island of [Michaelmas Caye](#) a breeding ground. Birds like; [Great Frigatebird](#), [Sooty](#), [Bridled](#), [Lesser Crested](#), [Great Crested](#), [Red-footed Booby](#), [Ruddy Turnstone](#), [Brown Booby](#), [Silver Gull](#), [Brown and Black Noddy](#).



Brown Noddy - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Once we leave the Caye, we head to [Hastings Reef](#) which doesn't have any real target birds though sometimes you can see some cool stuff. This time, nothing other than just the sheer beauty under the water. A stunning variety of parrotfish, angelfish, sharks and sea-turtles make this snorkel (or dive if you're certified) truly a highlight of the trip, at least for me personally. It really is a whole different world that I would recommend everyone visit at some point! Notable non-birds were [Green Sea Turtle](#), [Black-tipped and Ocellated Sharks](#) and of course, the stunning display of tropical reef fish...amazing!

When we got back from the boat cruise we had a few hours so I took the group to a roosting **Papuan Frogmouth** to end the afternoon. The roost is a friends location so it will be kept private. After I finally found my land-legs, and a nice dinner, we went to a local park to find a wonderful pair of Rufous Owls. I had missed these birds in NT with one of the guests so nabbing this species for him (and of course for the rest of the group as well) was a real relief. The nights rest was a very welcome experience after a great long day.



Rufous Owl - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 3: Cairns Hotspots and Sub-Tropical Rainforest to Daintree - (Oct 30th)

Today our first visit was to [Centenary Lakes](#). Here the freshwater and saltwater lakes along with the mangroves and forests held a few new birds for us. Birds like; [Australian Ibis](#), [Royal Spoonbill](#), [Pacific Black Duck](#), [Australian Brush Turkey](#), [Orange-footed Megapode](#), [Australasian Grebe](#), [Rock Pigeon](#), [Australian Swiftlet](#), [Plumed Egret](#), [Little Egret](#), [Pacific Baza](#), [Torresian Kingfisher](#), [Yellow Honeyeater](#), [Dusky Myzomela](#), [Helmeted Friarbird](#), [Varied Triller](#), [Nutmeg Mannikin](#), [Black Butcherbird](#), [Spangled Drongo](#), and a few of the common birds like [House Sparrow](#) and [Welcome Swallow](#). We also had the pleasure of seeing the very cool and unique [Krefft's River Turtle](#).



Royal Spoonbill - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Next up, a quick stop at [Cattana Wetlands](#) to pick up an easy [Green Pygmy Goose](#), [Laughing Kookaburra](#), and a slightly more difficult [Crimson Finch](#). We also got some other great birds like; [Brown-backed Honeyeater](#), [Latham's Snipe](#), [Pacific Heron](#) and [Comb-crested Jacana](#). A journey over to Yorkey's Knob proved less than fruitful and after a nice but quick sushi lunch, we hit [Newell Beach](#) where we nailed our main target, a pair of lovely [Beach Thick-knee](#). After a [Pacific Reef Heron](#) was spotted along the coast, we arrived at a wonderful tropical forest just south of our lodge. This spot is called [Palm Road](#). Here we had some nice luck with some great birds like; [Spectacled Monarch](#), [Pied Monarch](#), [Varied Triller](#), [Mistletoebird](#) and some wonderful little [Fairy Gerygone](#). Our last stop for the day was a [boardwalk north of our lodge in the Daintree area](#), we added a [Brown Cuckoo-Dove](#) and [Cryptic Honeyeater](#) and retreated to our lovely lodge for the night.



Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 4: Daintree Area/Daintree River Cruise to Mareeba - (Oct 31st)

As our cruise wasn't until 9am, we visited a special area [north of Heritage Lodge](#) for one big target. Luckily, upon arrival I heard three of the stunning migratory [Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfishers](#) calling from just feet away. A little bit of sneaking later and we got some great looks at this papuan species. Here we also saw a stunning [Wompoo Fruit Dove](#) in some stunning golden light. After we crossed the ferry into Daintree Village we ventured down [Steward Creek Road](#). This bit of rainforest is often quite good. We struck gold quickly with a great group of [Lovely Fairywren, Rufous Shrikethrush, and Yellow-spotted Honeyeater](#).



Papuan Frogmouth - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Now that it was time for our tour we met up with our boat captain and hit the [Daintree River Cruise](#). A lovely few hours on the water gave us views at [Azure Kingfisher, Great-billed Heron, Spotted Whistling Duck, Great Egret, Shining Flycatcher, Australasian Darter, Black Bittern, Rajah Shelduck, Little Pied Cormorant](#) and another great sighting of [Papuan Frogmouth](#). We also ran into a little [Saltwater Crocodile](#) and a wonderful [Common Tree Snake](#). Try as we did, we couldn't locate our Little Kingfisher...oh well. This little fellow is quite difficult most of the time.

After a fun boat ride, we made our way towards Mareeba but first we made a quick stop to [Carr Road](#). Here we found; [Red-legged Pademelon](#), [Large-billed Scrubwren](#), [Mcleay's Honeyeater](#) and [Pale-yellow Robin](#). Once we finished up here we made a quick stop off at [McDougal Road](#). Not much here as it was pretty hot...I was hoping for a rail, crake or quail but instead, nothing new...oh well! Now headed towards our overnight halt in Mareeba, a quick stop to bird [Pickford Road](#) and added; [Emu](#), [Yellow-bellied Flyrobin](#), [Red-backed Fairywren](#), [Yellow Honeyeater](#), [Blue-faced Honeyeater](#), [Chestnut-breasted Munia](#) [Scaly-breasted Lorikeet](#), [Little and Noisy Friarbird](#) to our growing list of species. After a quick 30-min break (this tour is really fast paced) in the hotel, I took the guests out to [Granite Gorge Nature Park](#), for a heck of an adventure. Here we quickly grabbed [Squatter Pigeon](#), [Olive-backed Oriole](#), [Pale-headed Rosella](#) and [Mareeba Rock Wallaby](#). Last effort for a new bird for the evening brought us to [Jack Bethel Park](#) but the bird overlords were not on our side for the evening so we'd have to check a different spot for my target species. On the way to our hotel I swung by the [Mareeba Golf Course](#) so everyone could enjoy their first looks at [Eastern Gray Kangaroo](#). Time to head off to the hotel and grab an early dinner so we could make our appointment with a very fun night bird. [Davies Creek Park](#) gave us some great looks at [Australian Owlet Nightjar](#) and [Barn Owl](#) to round off a sweet day.



Australian Owlet Nightjar - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Eastern Gray Kangaroo - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 5: The Northern Tablelands around Mt. Lewis - (Nov 1st)

The day started in earnest with a quick stop off at [Abattoir Swamp](#). I normally spend a few minutes birding the parking lot as it can be quite fruitful. This morning was no exception. Here we picked up [Lovely Fairywren](#), [Mistletoebird](#), [Striated Pardalote](#), [Black-faced Cuckooshrike](#), [Rufous Whistler](#) and [Yellow-faced Honeyeater](#). A nice stop but time to continue onward. Once we finished here, we went to a small patch of forest which frankly, is so oddly productive that I am often confused at how many birds we can find here - haha. The “[patch opposite Sides Road](#)” continue to provide for me again by unveiling; [Yellow-breasted Boatbill](#), [Graceful Honeyeater](#), [Superb Fruit Dove](#), [Black-faced Monarch](#), [Sahul Cicadabird](#) and an enormous [White-headed Pigeon](#).

As it was now getting later into the morning I decided to head up Mt. Lewis Road. Unfortunately, a recent cyclone had completely destroyed the road up to the best parts of Mt. Lewis. Especially for access to some great birds like Fernwren, Chowchilla, etc...we'd have to work some other unknown locations and habitat for these birds later but in the [lower elevations of Mt. Lewis](#) I was able to scrounge up [Barred Cuckooshrike](#) (the best bird of the morning in my opinion!), [Gray Whistler](#), [Brown Gerygone](#), [Spotted Catbird](#) and a decent look (to be improved on later) of a male [Victoria's Riflebird](#). After a quick but lovely lunch, we ventured down [East Mary Road](#) to pick up our [Banded Honeyeater](#), [Australian Bustard](#) and a nice [White-winged Triller](#). After a failed hunt for White-gaped Honeyeater at McLeod River Crossing I took a quick side trip to [Mt Carbine Cemetery](#) for a [White-throated Gerygone](#) before heading to the main event for the afternoon, the [Mt. Carbine Caravan Park](#). Here we grabbed the usual suspects; [Blue-winged Kookaburra](#), [Pacific Koel](#), [Red-winged Parrot](#), [Great Bowerbird](#), [Galah](#), [Pale-headed Rosella](#), [Rainbow Lorikeet](#), [Pied Butcherbird](#), [Australian Magpie](#), [Yellow Honeyeater](#), [Blue-faced Honeyeater](#) and some comedic [Apostlebird](#). A wonderful afternoon. Back to the hotel for a good nights rest.



Blue-winged Kookaburra - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 6: The Southern Tablelands around Hypipamee National Park - (Nov 2nd)

Today is one of my favorite days mammal wise. We have three awesome mammals to find and of course, some stunning birds. First up, I had some unfinished with that last target in the town of Mareeba...however, after now TWO failed attempts I decided to call an addible and head for a different spot. So, our first stop after a quick coffee run was back to [Davies Creek](#). After failing twice I was elated to hear our target calling right out of the car and within seconds we finally had a pair of [White-browed Robins](#) in our bins. Then, surprisingly, a [Northern Fantail](#) appeared too! I thought I had missed this species when I couldn't locate the resident at Abattoir Swamp so a really good pick up early in the day. After that wonderful start it was time to get to our main spot for the morning, [Mt. Hypipamee NP](#). A random roadside spotting nabbed us [Buff-banded Rail](#) and [Tawny Grassbird](#). Happy to say we picked up all of the main targets here; [Mountain Thornbill](#), [Bridled Honeyeater](#), [Scarlet Myzomela](#), [Bower's Shrikethrush](#), [Golden Whistler](#), [White-throated Treecreeper](#), [Eastern Spinebill](#), [Gray-headed Robin](#) and [Golden Bowerbird](#).



White-throated Treecreeper - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Next up was [Hasties Swamp](#). Here we found all of the typical birds I would expect. Things like; [Wandering and Plumed Whistling Duck](#), [Australasian Grebe](#), [Australasian Swamphen](#), [Magpie Goose](#), [Gray Teal](#), [White-eyed and Maned Duck](#), [Pacific Black Duck](#), [Eurasian Coot](#), [Dusky Moorhen](#), [Sharp-tailed Sandpiper](#), [Pied Stilt](#), [Little Black Cormorant](#), [Pacific Heron](#), [Royal Spoonbill](#), [Yellow-faced and White-cheeked Honeyeater](#), [Eastern-yellow Robin](#), [White-naped Honeyeater](#), [Scarlet Myzomela](#) and [Dollarbird](#). After some sweet success here, we moved on to [Wandeclea "Bluff" State Forest](#). Here the dry eucalypt forest holds a variety of new species for us. It was incredibly windy but we were able to add; [Brown Treecreeper](#), [Fuscous and Yellow-tinted Honeyeater](#), [Varied Sittella](#), [Sacred Kingfisher](#), [Gray Shrike-thrush](#), [Dusky Woodswallow](#). We also got to see a pretty sweet, [Lace Monitor](#) run across the road...HUGE!



Varied Sittella - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Now that it was getting later in the afternoon, we had a very important appointment to keep. We hustled over to [Peterson Creek “Allumbah Pocket”](#). Here we have three targets and even though we tried many times and our absolute hardest, I only managed two. We started off with the colony of [Spectacled Flying Fox](#) and after a little wait, we had an amazing experience with a [Duck-billed Platypus](#). Stupendous afternoon! Other highlights included a blue (very rare and restricted to the tablelands) [Common Tree Snake](#), [Coppery-tailed Brush Possum](#) and a [Green Ring-tailed Possum](#). After a quick dinner (to give us the best chance at a very difficult owl) I knocked off [Sarus Crane and Brolga](#) and then headed off to Curtain Fig Tree for the evening. Almost immediately out of the car we heard our target. After 5-min, we heard it again but unfortunately, though we searched hard, we couldn't find it. Too bad. Off to our accommodation for the evening; [Chambers Lodge in Crater Lakes](#). The lodge has a honey feeder and after a little patience we got some cool night mammals. We managed; [Krefft's Glider](#), [Northern Leaf-tailed Gecko](#), [Striped Possum](#), [Long-nosed Bandicoot](#) and [Fawn-footed Malomys](#). While we were enjoying these mammals, I heard an unmistakable call. Our target from the Curtain Fig Tree only this time, just feet away. The two guests who were still awake and I enjoyed what was for me, the bird of the day and indeed one of my favorite birds of the trip, a [Lesser Sooty Owl](#)...EPIC.



Lesser Sooty Owl - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

While we were enjoying this epic sighting I then heard another priority owl target, the newly split, **Australian Boobook!** It didn't take long to locate this individual either so we then enjoyed several great minutes with another wonderful bird before taking our leave for the evening.



Australian Boobook - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Northern Leaf-tailed Gecko - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 7: Target Chasing Around Cairns - (Nov 3rd)

Today the plan is simple...target chase. We spend the day going to various locations to target northern Queensland birds we missed or still needed and we do this as fast as possible to get as many as possible. We started with an early morning around [Chambers Lodge](#) to get our last and most difficult species of monarch, the **White-eared Monarch**. Our first location was [Lake Barrine](#) for a nice morning walk around the lake. Once we arrived at the lake, we managed to see; **Great-crested Grebe**, **Tooth-billed Bowerbird**, **Lewin's Honeyeater**, and **Chowchilla**. We also saw a cute little **Musky Rat Kangaroo**.



Tooth-billed Bowerbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Then it was back to the [Cairns Esplanade](#) to try and grab some shorebirds now that the tide was right. Walking the whole esplanade we managed; [Bar-tailed Godwit](#), [Black-tailed Godwit](#), [Far Eastern Curlew](#), [Gray-tailed Tattler](#), [Great Knot](#), [Red-necked Stint](#), [Terek Sandpiper](#), [Pacific Golden Plover](#), [Greater Sand Plover](#), [White-faced Heron](#), [Sacred Kingfisher](#), [Nankeen Night Heron](#), [Little Tern](#), [Australian Tern](#), [Silver Gull](#), [Australian Pelican](#), [Common Greenshank](#), [Marsh Sandpiper](#), and [Varied Honeyeater](#).



Varied Honeyeater - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Next up, we traveled over to [Centenary Lakes](#). Mostly I was trying to find our last kingfisher species and now I was desperate as this was literally our last chance. No matter how hard I searched, the overlords weren't having it..I couldn't locate the Little Kingfisher...bummer as it would be the only kingfisher I'd miss for the tour. In fact, the entire afternoon here was a series of misses and or "heard only's" which were Red-necked Crake and Pale-vented Bush Hen. In fact, all we really managed was a [Krefft's River Turtle](#). A bit disappointing but such are birds. We called it an evening, very content with our Northern Queensland section. After a quick dinner, we went to bed to prep for our 6am flight the next morning for Brisbane.

Day 8: Cairns to O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat via Hotspots around Brisbane - (Nov 4th)

After a very early flight out of Cairns, we landed in Brisbane and after picking up our rental vehicle and grabbing some snacks and water, we made our way over to our second mangrove habitat of the tour. Here at the [Nudgee Beach Mangroves](#) we have two targets and two that we can't find anywhere else so it is pretty important we pick them up and luckily, the [Mangrove Honeyeater](#) and [Mangrove Gerygone](#) were cool enough to cooperate for us. Five minutes in and out. Nice.

Next up, a short trip over to [Minissippi Wetlands](#) to get our first taste of some new wetland species. Those included; [Black Swan](#) and [Maned Duck](#). In the woodland nearby we managed to hit our two main targets; [Variegated Fairywren](#) and [Gray Butcherbird](#). Now it was time for a date with a superb mammal. We entered [Whites Hill Park](#) and were elated to find a wonderfully big [Koala](#) not far from the parking lot...so cool!! A quick check at a local roost for a cool target unfortunately yielded nothing but I had an ace up my sleeve to try this missed species again.

After lunch, I made a quick stop on [Mt. Gravit](#) to pick up some great views of nesting [Square-tailed Kite](#). Now that it was getting a bit late, we continued on towards our overnight retreat... and I mean that literally! Just before the final climb, we stopped off in [Canungra](#) to pick up the groups last flying fox species, the [Gray-headed Flying Fox](#). This roost is huge...easy 10,000 animals strong...stupendous stuff.

On the way [up the hill towards O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat](#), we bagged the two biggest mammal targets; [Red-necked and Pretty-faced Wallaby](#) and one of the big bird targets, the [Bell Miner](#). I like to arrive near the [lower roads of O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat](#) just as the sun starts to get real low to try and grab some thrushes on the road. This paid off handsomely as we bagged the harder of the two we would be looking for, the [Russet-tailed Thrush](#). We also ran into an animal that gave me a heart-attack as it lunged at me while I attempted to get it off of the road... a HUGE [Carpet Python](#). Very cool. When we arrived at [O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat](#), I let the guests wander around a bit while I checked us in and made dinner reservations. They found some typical birds that I will describe a bit below.

I always offer a night time outing during this night and one guest decided to take me up on it. Unfortunately for us, it was so windy (and even started to sprinkle) that all we managed was a few distant (to be improved upon later) views of Red-legged Pademelon and a wonderfully cute baby [Fawn-footed Melomys](#). We decided to cut our losses and return to the lodge...we had another night to give it a go.



Fawn-footed Melomys - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 9: O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat - (Nov 5th)

During our time in [O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat](#) we visit several tracks, trails, roads and the grounds around the accommodations for a great list of Montane Rainforest species. We were able to add; [Rose and Eastern Yellow Robin](#), [Noisy Pitta](#), [Paradise Riflebird](#), [Superb Fairywren](#), [Satin and Regent Bowerbird](#), [Green Catbird](#), [Albert's Lyrebird](#), [Australian Logrunner](#), [Eastern Whipbird](#), [Bassian Thrush](#), [White-headed Pigeon](#), [Top Knot Pigeon](#), [Crimson Rosella](#), [Australian King Parrot](#), [White-browed and Yellow-throated Scrubwren](#), [Shining Bronze Cuckoo](#), [Red-browed Treecreeper](#), [Wonga Pigeon](#), and [Brown Thornbill](#). We also got everyone some great looks at [Red-legged Pademelon](#), [Major Skink](#), and [Mountain Brush-tailed Possum](#).



White-headed Pigeon - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Australian Logrunner - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Noisy Pitta - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Australian King Parrot - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 10: O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat to Brisbane to Sydney to Lithgow - (Nov 6th)

We had a few hours to spend in the morning around O'Reilly's so we spent the majority of the morning driving the roads looking for that big target I missed on the way up. Unfortunately, even though we searched as thoroughly and as carefully as we could, I couldn't locate a Glossy Black Cockatoo. We then made a quick trip back north to catch our flight to Sydney. Of course, it was slightly delayed so our already long day was made even longer so once we landed in Sydney we began our two plus hour drive to Lithgow. Once we arrived in Lithgow, we were all pretty tired so we hit the hay and prepped for our first full day of this new section and a day that I myself was super excited for because we'd be going for a bird that I had never seen and really never even had the opportunity to go for in the past. A big day!

Day 11: Lithgow Hotspots, Capertee Valley and Hotspots towards Forbes - (Nov 7th)

Our first stop of the day was the [Lithgow Sewage Works](#). Here we found; [Pink-eared Duck](#), [Blue-billed Duck](#), [Chestnut Teal](#), [Australian Shoveler](#), [Hoary-headed Grebe](#), [European Starling](#), [Eurasian Blackbird](#) and [Western Gray Kangaroo](#). After a quick visit there, we made our way into the main location for the morning, the [Capertee Valley](#). Hot and dry conditions here but we still managed some great birds like; [White-winged Chough](#), [Little Corella](#), [Spotted Pardalote](#), [White-plumed Honeyeater](#), [Rufous Songlark](#), [White-browed Babbler](#), [Diamond Firetail](#), [Jacky-winter](#), [Eastern Shrike-Tit](#) and [Red-rumped Parrot](#). And now...time for **THE** bird. A fair distance into Capertee Valley lies an area where conservation efforts are underway to aide a bird in dire need of recovery. Today was the day I'd finally get to try for this bird. I pulled over in an area I thought might have it and literally within two seconds I heard a call that I didn't recognize 100% (I had studied the call of this target the night before but it didn't quite match). But knowing that it was different from anything I knew and had heard before I scanned quickly...elated, I yelled out, "THE BIRD!!! GUYS THE BIRD IS HERE NOW!" Everyone hopped out of the car and got on the stunning [Regent Honeyeater](#). I wasn't able to get any fantastic photos but the guests and I thoroughly enjoyed the views! In this same area we also managed some very nice [Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos](#).



Eastern Shrike Tit - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Regent Honeyeater - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Red Wattlebird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Great Crested Grebe - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

After a successful mission here, we grabbed a lovely lunch and continued on to our next stop, [Lake Wallace](#). Here we had one target and we picked it up rather quickly, a [Musk Duck](#). We also got some much closer views of [Great Crested Grebe](#). One of our last stops for the day was in a place called [Gosling Creek Reserve](#). Here was one of our best chances for my personal favorite parrot species on the whole tour. Unfortunately we only managed a fly-by but we had some great views of [Red Wattlebird](#), [Little Grassbird](#) and [Australian Reed Warbler](#). We were still pretty far from our hotel so it really was time to go. One last effort at a pullout did yield some amazing views of [Superb Parrot](#) before we pulled into Forbes for the evening.

Day 12: Forbes to Hay for Plains Wanderer & Full-on Outback Birding - (Nov 8th)

The morning was spent in a place called [Back-Yama State Forest](#). A very odd place honestly, especially compared to what we'd experienced until this point. Here we found; [Greater Blue Bonnet](#), [Common Bronzewing](#), [Chestnut-rumped](#), [Yellow and Inland Thornbill](#), [Cockatiel](#), [Brown-headed Honeyeater](#), [Speckled Warbler](#), [Western Gerygone](#), [Southern Whiteface](#), [Australian Raven](#), [Red-capped Robin](#), [Masked and White-browed Woodswallow](#).



Red-capped Robin - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Next up, a stop at [Gum Swamp](#). This is a really cool place with several established blinds and short walking trails. We had great success here nailing several key targets. [Yellow-billed Spoonbill](#), [Cockatiel](#) and the rarest duck in Australia, the [Freckled Duck](#) were all found and enjoyed throughly. We also added [Eastern Snake-necked Turtle](#) to our growing list of ‘other-animals’! We had quite a long drive towards Hay so we just sort of went...and after a wild lunch, we rested up for about an hour and then travelled towards Wanganella to meet our guide for the evening. The late afternoon and the evening was spent birding with local guide Phil Maher. For his privacy, his spots will remain “[Phils Spots](#)”. Over the course of the afternoon and an incredible evening on his friends ranch, we found; [Black-tailed Native Hen](#), [Glossy Ibis](#), [White-backed Swallow](#), [Tree Martin](#), [Brown Songlark](#), [Singing Bushlark](#), [Banded Lapwing](#), [Swamp Harrier](#), [Tawny Frogmouth](#), [Eastern Barn Owl](#) and the monotypic highlight of the evening, the [Plains Wanderer](#). We also found lots of [Red and Western Gray Kangaroo](#), and a fun [Fat-tailed Dunnart](#)!



Fat-tailed Dunnart - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Plains Wanderer - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 13: Outback Mallee to Hay - (Nov 9th)

Because of the late evening the night before, this morning we give the guests a nice little break and allow for a bit of a sleep in and a nice breakfast. This is a fairly decent drive but nothing too crazy so it leaves us with plenty of time to do some afternoon birding around the areas of [Round Hill Reserve](#) and [Nombinni Reserve](#). These are our only areas of pure Mallee that we visit on this tour. We spend as much time in this environment as possible. I will fully divulge everything we managed to find in this habitat in the next section as the mornings are often the best for this location. Before that however, we made a quick stop off at the [Lake Cargelligo Sewage works](#) where we added a few fun birds like; [Australian Crake](#), [Red-kneed Dotterel](#), [Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo](#) and [Purple-backed Fairywren](#). A solid afternoon but I was ready for bed and a good nights rest to really hit these places proper in the morning!

Day 14: Area around Hay to Hotspots around Griffith - (Nov 10th)

As mentioned previously, the highlights from [Nombinni Reserve and Round Hill](#) are as follows; [Emu](#), [Chestnut Quail-Thrush](#), [Spotted Harrier](#), [Red-backed Kingfisher](#), [White-eared Honeyeater](#), [Black Honeyeater](#), [Pied Honeyeater](#), [Shy Heathwren](#), [Southern Scrub Robin](#), [Hooded Robin](#), [Spotted Bowerbird](#), [Yellow-throated Miner](#), [Splendid Fairywren](#), [White-fronted](#), [Spiny-cheeked](#), [Singing](#), [Striped](#), [Gray-fronted](#) and [Yellow-plumed Honeyeaters](#), [Diamond Dove](#), [Australian Ringneck \(Mallee\)](#), [Gilbert's Whistler](#), [Budgerigar](#) and [Crimson Chat](#). Awesome stuff right?!? OH! And...on our way back to town, we stopped at a spot colloquially known as “[Chat Alley](#)”. Here we did indeed grab our last few chats; [Orange and White-fronted Chat](#)...also we picked up, [White-winged Fairywren](#), [Brown Falcon](#) and the adorable little [Zebra Finch](#). We also saw a cute family of [Red Fox](#)!



Splendid Fairywren - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

On the way out of Lake Cargelligo that morning, we stopped once more at the [Lake Cargelligo Sewage Works](#) to get eyes on a bird that I briefly spotted in the morning but couldn't get every client on. Luckily, he was out in basically the same spot, a wonderful [Baillon's Crake](#). I also checked [Lake Cargelligo \(the lake\)](#) and after a few minutes of searching I found us some [Red-necked Avocet](#), [Whiskered Tern](#) and a nice [White-bellied Sea Eagle](#). We also checked out a great area I have had a lot of luck with in the past called [McCann Road](#). Here we were treated to [Shingleback Lizard](#) and we also managed to get the primary honeyeater target for this area and one of my personal favorites, the [Painted Honeyeater](#) along with a few fly over [Little Crow](#). Nearby [Lake Wynagan](#) held some nice additional birds for our list like; [Chestnut Teal](#), [Pied Cormorant](#), [European Goldfinch](#), and [Australian Pelican](#). We then made our way towards Griffith where we found a noteworthy [Australian Hobby](#) perched lovely for us on a power pole just outside of town. The rest of the afternoon was spent in [Binya State Forest](#) near Griffith. We spent the afternoon driving around looking for our two main targets. The whole area was quite quiet but in the end we did manage to find both [Mulga Parrot and Turquoise Parrot](#) to add to our species count. Also of note was a stunning [Swamp \(Black\) Wallaby](#). We then drove around a bit looking for echidna and I most definitely DID NOT get THAT stuck for a good 5-mins...hahaha - after I worked myself out of that jam, we headed back to the hotel for a good nights rest.



Swamp (Black) Wallaby - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot



Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Gray Butcherbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Chestnut Quail Thrush - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Shy Heathwren - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 15: Griffith to Robertson - (Nov 11th)

Today we had a HUGE drive. The longest of the trip...about 6hrs. I had a few target chases in mind for the day and the first brought us back to [Binya State Forest](#). Sometimes you can get Black-eared Cuckoo here but unfortunately, no luck for us. Dipping here, we moved on to try and find a Restless Flycatcher which I somehow missed in Capertee Valley. I checked a recent report about half way to Robertson as a last ditch effort and unfortunately, nothing. There were several [Leaden Flycatcher](#) that were bouncing around here as well as more lovely [Superb Fairywren](#). Feeling a bit low and like I've ben missing a lot of the targets I set off for my last target chase before heading into Robertson. Luckily this one has a much higher chance of success and a brief stop in [Ingalba Nature Reserve](#) provided me with two much needed wins for the afternoon; [Brown Goshawk](#) and [Buff-rumped Thornbill](#). We then made our way into Robertson and after about an hour of rest, we went to nearby [MacQuarries Pass National Park](#) "Clover Trail". Here we found three great birds; [Striated Thornbill](#), [Bassian Thrush](#) and the superb [Superb Lyrebird](#). After a quick check at [Buderoo Fire Trail](#) to grab [Fan-tailed Cuckoo](#) and [Southern Emu Wren](#) and after a quick dinner, we hit the mountain roads for our best chance at one of our last big mammal targets. We ended up driving [Jamberoo Mountain Road](#) which paid off handsomely with a wonderful [Common Wombat](#).



Striated Thornbill - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot



Fan-tailed Cuckoo - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 16: Budderoo NP & Barren Grounds NP / Royal NP to Sydney - (Nov 12th)

Our first stop of the day is an early morning walk down [Budderoo Fire Trail](#). It was a nice windless morning and we did get our last target; [Eastern Bristlebird](#). Myself and another guide did also see an Eastern Ground Parrot fly from the heath but unfortunately, none of our guests got on the bird so that was a ‘guide-only’ view for us both.

Our second location for the day was [Barren Grounds](#). I tried hard for Pilotbird but unfortunately, just couldn’t grab one. We did however catch up with the best cockatoo of the tour in the lat area possible for it, the stupendously named and comical [Gang-gang Cockatoo](#). Besides a surprise [Copperhead Snake](#), overall, I was exceptionally shocked at how quiet this spot was. A slightly disappointing morning at this location for us but that’s how it goes sometimes. Onward to our next stop.

A quick stop just before [Bass Point](#) got us another introduced species for the tour, a [Red-whiskered Bulbul](#). Once at the point itself, we had some distance but confirmative views of; [Osprey](#), [Wedge-tailed Shearwater](#) and [Short-tailed Shearwater](#). The rocks supported a pair of [Sooty Oystercatcher](#) and a few [Australasian Gannets](#) kept us entertained as we watched them dive on the helpless fish below.

From here, I decided it was time to play that ace up my sleeve I had mentioned about 8 days ago...remember that spot we tried to find a roosting owl but it was unfortunately vacant? Well... enter my ace, Chris, a friend of mine who lives in Sydney. Chris very kindly offered to help me out and did just that. A big thanks to my buddy for finding us a roosting family of [Powerful Owl](#) in a small suburban park (which will be kept private). I went back at night (we were staying 5-min away) to grab a few nocturnal photos as I like those better!



Powerful Owl (juvenile) - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Into [Royal National Park](#) for one last effort at Pilotbird but unfortunately, no luck again. We saw another [Superb Lyrebird](#), [Bassian Thrush](#), [Maned Duck](#) and lots and lots of [Sulphur-crested Cockatoo](#). Then for the main event of the afternoon, the [Wattamulla Coastal Track](#). It was quiet... very quiet. The start of the walk yielded [Little Wattlebird](#) and [New Holland Honeyeater](#) but nothing else really. At the end of where I wanted to go, I thought I heard a heath wren calling but after several attempts of nothing, I decided to call it quits and head back, hoping the next morning would be better. Then all of a sudden...OUT OF NOWHERE, a [Chestnut-rumped Heathwren](#) flew in and posed for us in a nearby bush. Excellent. But wait..it gets better! It flew over to a rock where I kid you not, a [Rockwarbler](#) came again, OUT OF NOWHERE and scared it off. Then, the Rockwarbler posed for us and was then scared off by some little mouse! All of this happened within 30-seconds of wonderful wildlife chaos...awesome stuff! We also had a lovely [Nankeen Kestrel](#). Off to the hotel after what turned out to be a wonderfully successful afternoon!



Nankeen Kestrel - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 17: Royal National Park to Sydney Airport to Hobart - (Nov 13th)

This morning we had not much to do. So I decided to go big and try for some really difficult birds. There is a small roaming population of Glossy Black Cockatoo in the area but I have never seen them and know very little about where to see them. I did my best with the info I found but unfortunately, no luck again. Missed it for good this time. I also tried to find a tough honeyeater...the Tawny-crowned Honeyeater. Again, scattered reports and inconsistent data lead to a failed attempt. After returning to the hotel, enjoying a nice shower and packing up, we left for the airport, excited for our last section; Tasmania!

After a quick flight to Hobart, we visited the [Waterworks Reserve](#). Here we found some great targets; [Tasmanian Thornbill](#), [Tasmanian Scrubwren](#), [Tasmanian Nativehen](#), [Black Currawong](#), [Common Bronzewing](#), [Superb Fairywren](#), [Gray Currawong](#), [Bennet's Wallaby](#), [Tasmanian \(Rufous-bellied Pademelon\)](#), and by far, the star of the afternoon, a stunningly pink and beautiful male [Pink Robin](#). After a nice dinner, one guest decided he'd like to take me up on my offer to try some night time stuff so we returned to the Waterworks Reserve and found our main target, the [Tasmanian Boobook](#).



Pink Robin - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot



Tasmanian Boobook - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 18: Bruny Island and Tasman Peninsula, Tasmania - (Nov 14th)

Today was our day on [Bruny Island](#). You can get all 12 endemics on Bruny Island and we managed all but one (but don't worry, we'd get it later). We started with [Mission Road](#) and picked up; [Black-headed Honeyeater](#), [Tasmanian Thornbill](#), [Forest Raven](#), [Dusky Robin](#), [Yellow-throated Honeyeater](#), [Green Rosella](#) and [Swift Parrot](#). We then made our way up to [North Bruny](#) where we picked up [Black Currawong](#), and a very special little bird, the [Forty-spotted Pardalote](#). This great success meant that we could basically focus our attention on the south end of Bruny and Adventure Bay for the remainder of our time...perfect!

A few strategic stops before lunch gave us some of the best views and photos of [Strong-billed Honeyeater](#) I have ever had. We also picked up [Pied Oystercatcher](#), [Yellow Wattlebird](#) and [Blue-winged Parrot](#).



Strong-billed Honeyeater - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

After lunch, we birded the [Adventure Bay](#) area and picked up the threatened [Hooded Plover](#), the owner of the chunkiest bill in Tasmania, the [Pacific Gull](#) (along with tons of [Kelp Gull](#)), and the sharp looking [Black-faced Cormorant](#). After lunch over looking over a sparkling bay, it was now time to go and find the hardest targets on Bruny. We had to work hard but we finally located a [Beautiful Firetail](#), [Scarlet Robin](#) and the ultimate prize, our last epic mammal...the [Short-beaked Echidna](#). That is...until the next sighting, at least for me personally...while looking for a Tawny-crowned Honeyeater I spotted something I thought I'd never get to see, a [WHITE MORPH Gray Goshawk](#)!!! So SICK! I've seen photos of this ghostly bird I've always wanted to see one and having missed Gray Goshawk in the north, I sort of wrote it off but I was stoked with that sighting. This photo isn't up to my usual standards but I had to put it in...



Short-beaked Echidna - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Gray Goshawk (white morph) - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Now on the mainland, our final effort for the afternoon was to find a goose...a cool goose! After a bit of guess work and deductive birding around [Impression Bay](#) I finally found a small group. Once everyone got on the bird, I was so focused on getting a little closer and trying to get a better photo that I nearly stepped on what I thought was a log but what turned out to be A GIANT **ELEPHANT SEAL**. I was just using my peripheral vision and luckily it reared up and growled at me before I got to steppin' to close. This is the second time an animal gave me a heart attack on this tour but apparently, this one had a story! Turns out, "Neil the Seal" had been documented and tracked as well as been in the papers, has his own IG Page and is just a local celebrity. A wonderful and completely unexpected addition to this tour! Anyway, the **Cape Barren Goose** was cool too! Alas, after dinner, it was time for the main event of the evening. Typically somewhere around 45min - 1hr after sunset, [Pirates Bay](#) hosts a fun 'home-coming' event for those who can brave the chilly conditions. In the dark of night, **Little Penguins** make their way ashore from a day of fishing to roost in the sandy banks. They are typically a little weary but with a little patience, you can have a really fun night with the worlds smallest penguin. It really is an awesome way to end the day. A nice long drive home and we hit the hay to prep for our last full day of the tour on the Tasman Peninsula.



Cape Barren Goose - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Elephant Seal 'Neil' (iPhone 15) - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Little Penguin - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

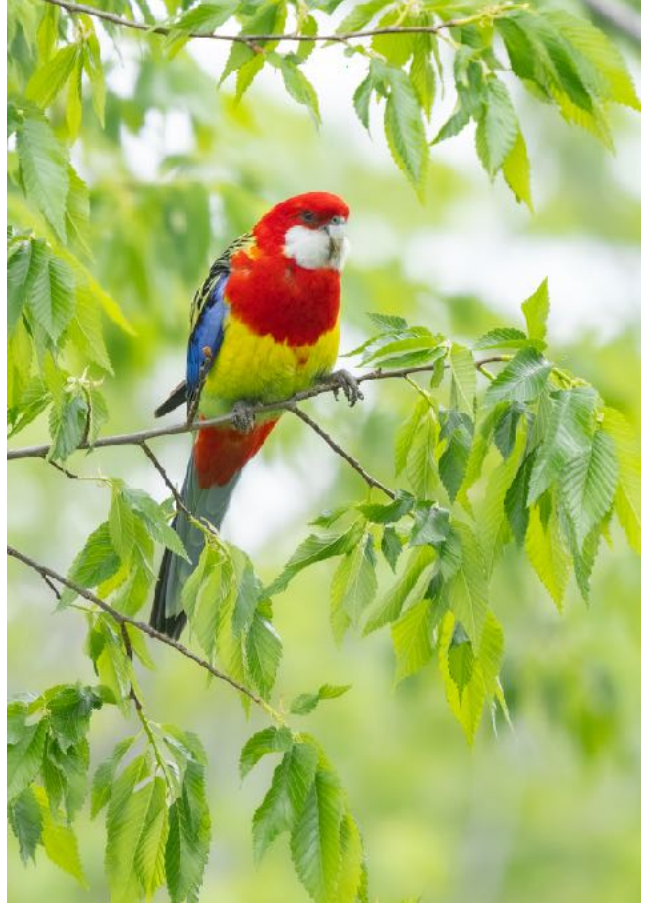
Day 19: Tasman Peninsula - (Nov 15th)

Today is the last day of the tour and as such is plainly a target grab. As many species as possible kind of day. We started at a local park of mine I take photographers for some great low level parrot shoots. This morning my **Musk Lorikeet** performed admirably! We also had some lovely **Eastern Rosella and Long-billed Corella**.

Next up, **Truganini Reserve** to try for Brush Bronzewing and even though we heard it very clearly, we just could never get on it. I tried a multitude of trails but just couldn't catch up with it. The trail system here can be a bit tough so big props to the guests for giving it the effort they did. On our way back down, I heard another very familiar call and so we enjoyed another great look and indeed photographic opportunity with a **Spotted Pardalote**.



Musk Lorikeet (& Hybrid) - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Eastern Rosella - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Spotted Pardalote - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

We ventured towards Mount Wellington, and once we arrived at ‘The Springs’ - Mount Wellington, we got to work. I needed three birds here so I went towards the best habitat and it took a bit of work but finally, a beautiful Olive Whistler showed himself and put on a very nice show. We also got some great looks at Crescent Honeyeater here.

We then took a small trail system into the thick of it and found the last endemic I had missed on Bruny Island. This time we accomplished our mission and got some great views of the skulking Scrubtit. A quick trip up to “the Big Bend” turned out to be rather fruitful as we bagged our last Australasian Robin, the superlative Flame Robin. A short stop at Gould’s Lagoon gave us a 90% pure Mallard which we all agreed...was close enough to check off. And finally, a quick drive through the nearby neighborhoods to round out our very last introduced species, the European Greenfinch.



Olive Whistler - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Flame Robin - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot

Now back east to catch up with another few species we missed. So a nice stop-off at [Sedbury Creek and Saltmarsh](#). Here we found loads [White-fronted Chats](#), a single [Australian Shelduck](#) and what used to be a very hit or miss bird, a distant but confirmative [Striated Fieldwren](#). Feeling satisfied and with several guests wanting to do some souvenir shopping and prep for the long travel home tomorrow, we all decided this was a great way to end the tour. Overall, this trip to Australia left the guests quite satiated in regards to wildlife in Australia but I think I can safely say that all the guests wouldn't mind another crack at this amazing country and its stupendous flora and fauna.



White-fronted Chat - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoop

Top Birds and Animals of the Trip as Voted on by the Guests

*This is the first trip I have ever lead where every single guest had a different list for birds!

*The guides personal favorites are in **Purple**

Guests Top 5 Favorite Birds

1. Four way-tie —— **Regent Honeyeater**
 - 1.I. Little Penguin
 - 1.II. Plains Wanderer
 - 1.III. Flame Robin
 - 1.IV. Southern Cassowary
2. Four way-tie —— **Lesser Sooty Owl**
 - 2.I. Powerful Owl
 - 2.II. Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher
 - 2.III. Scarlet Robin
 - 2.IV. Albert's Lyrebird
3. Four way-tie —— **Southern Cassowary**
 - 3.I. Blue-winged Kookaburra
 - 3.II. Superb Fairywren
 - 3.III. Beautiful Firetail
 - 3.IV. Eastern Yellow Robin
4. Four way-tie —— **Pink Robin**
 - 4.I. Galah
 - 4.II. Green Catbird
 - 4.III. Pink Robin
 - 4.IV. King Parrot
5. Four way-tie —— **Spotted Pardalote**
 - 5.I. Cockatiel
 - 5.II. Pied Oystercatcher
 - 5.III. Red-capped Robin
 - 5.IV. Laughing Kookaburra

LOL - AWESOME 😂

Guests Top 5 'Other Animals'

1. Short-beaked Echidna ——— Elephant Seal "Neil"
2. Four way-tie ——— Duck-billed Platypus
 - 2.I. Koala
 - 2.II. Eastern Gray Kangaroo
 - 2.III. Duck-billed Platypus
 - 2.IV. Copperhead Snake
3. Two way-tie ——— Common Wombat
 - 3.I. Wombat
 - 3.II. Agile Wallaby
4. Shingleback ——— Striped Possum
5. Three way-tie ——— Swamp (Black) Wallaby
 - 5.I. Buff-tailed Bumblebee
 - 5.II. Eastern Bearded Dragon
 - 5.III. Pretty-faced Wallaby

Trip List of Birds and “Other Animal” Species

List Summary:

- 415 Bird species seen by group
- 003 Birds seen by GUIDE ONLY
- 003 Birds HEARD ONLY (by group)
- 421 Birds total species for the tour

- 053 ‘Other Animal’ species seen by group

BIRDS	Seen	Guide Only
Cassowaries and Emu: Casuariidae		
Southern Cassowary	Etty Bay Road	
Emu (E)	On the road en route to Round Hill and Nombinni Reserve	
Magpie Goose: Anseranatidae		
Magpie Goose	Various locations on tour	
Ducks, Geese and Waterfowl: Anatidae		
Plumed Whistling Duck	Hasties Swamp	
Wandering Whistling Duck	Hasties Swamp	
Spotted Whistling Duck	Daintree River Cruise	
Cape Barren Goose (E)	Impression Bay Area	
Black Swan	Minnippi Wetlands and in various locations on Tasmania	
Australian Shelduck (E)	Seen en route to Sedbury Marsh on Tasmania	
Freckled Duck	Gum Swamp	
Radjah Shelduck	Seen well in Daintree Village and at Centenary Lakes	
Green Pygmy-Goose	Cattana Wetlands	
Maned Duck (E)	Various locations on tour	
Mallard	Gould’s Lagoon	
Pacific Black Duck	Various locations on tour	

Australian Shoveler	Seen well in Lithgow Sewage Ponds	
Gray Teal	Various locations on tour	
Chestnut Teal (E)	Once at Wynagan Lake and then again in various locations on Tasmania	
Pink-eared Duck (E)	Lithgow Sewage Ponds and Gum Swamp	
White-eyed Duck (Hardhead)	Various locations on tour	
Blue-billed Duck (E)	Lithgow Sewage Ponds	
Musk Duck (E)	Wallace Lake and Orielton Lagoon	
Megapodes: Megapodiidae		
Australian Brushturkey (E)	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Orange-footed Megapode	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Grebes: Podicipedidae		
Australasian Grebe	Various locations on tour	
Hoary-headed Grebe	Various locations on tour	
Great Crested Grebe	Lake Barrine in the Tablelands and Wallace Lake	
Pigeons and Doves: Columbidae		
Rock Pigeon	Various locations on tour	
White-headed Pigeon (E)	Mt. Hypipamee and Patch Opposite Sides Road	
Spotted Dove	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	Best views at the patch opposite of Sides Road	
Common Bronzewing (E)	Best views in Back-Yama State Forest	
Crested Pigeon (E)	Various locations on tour	
Squatter Pigeon (E)	Granite Gorge Nature Park	
Wonga Pigeon (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Peaceful Dove	Various locations on tour	
Diamond Dove (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	

Bar-shouldered Dove	Various locations on tour	
Wompoo Fruit-Dove	Lake Morris Road	
Superb Fruit-Dove	Carr Road and Patch Opposite Sides Road	
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	Northern Esplanade Mangroves	
Torresian Imperial Pigeon	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Topknot Pigeon (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Bustards: Otididae		
Australian Bustard	East Mary Farms Road	
Cuckoos: Cuculidae		
Pheasant Coucal	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Pacific Koel	Daintree River Cruise, Royal National Park and Mt. Carbine RV Park	
Channel-billed Cuckoo	Seen in flight around Mareeba	
Little Bronze Cuckoo	Centenary Lakes	
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Lake Cargelligo Sewage Works	
Shining Bronze Cuckoo	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Pallid Cuckoo	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Various locations on tour	
Sahul Brush Cuckoo	Around Mareeba	
Frogmouths: Podargidae		
Tawny Frogmouth (E)	Davies Creek Reserve and with Phil Maher in Wanganella	
Papuan Frogmouth	Known (but private) roost in Cairns and Daintree River Cruise	
Owlet-Nightjar: Aegothelidae		
Australian Owlet-Nightjar	Davies Creek Reserve	
Swifts: Apodidae		
Australian Swiftlet (E)	Various locations in Northern Queensland	

White-throated Needletail	Seen briefly by guide only through a canopy gap in O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Rails, Gallinules and Coots: Rallidae		
Buff-banded Rail	Various locations on tour	
Pale-vented Bush-hen	HEARD ONLY	
Red-necked Crake	HEARD ONLY	
White-browed Crake	Random encounter south of Cairns	
Australian Crake (E)	Lake Cargelligo Sewage Works	
Baillon's Crake	Lake Cargelligo Sewage Works	
Australasian Swamphen	Various locations on tour	
Dusky Moorhen	Various locations on tour	
Black-tailed Nativehen (E)	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Tasmanian Nativehen (TE)	All over Tasmania	
Eurasian Coot	Various locations on tour	
Cranes: Gruidae		
Brolga	Agriculture fields in Atherton Tablelands	
Sarus Crane	Agriculture fields in Atherton Tablelands	
Thick-Knees: Burhinidae		
Bush Thick-knee	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Beach Thick-knee	Newell Beach	
Stilts and Avocets: Recurvirostridae		
Pied Stilt	Various locations on tour	
Red-necked Avocet (E)	Lake Cargelligo (the lake)	
Oystercatchers: Haematopodidae		
Pied Oystercatcher	"The Neck" Game Reserve had the highest number of these birds	
Sooty Oystercatcher (E)	"The Neck" Game Reserve had the highest number of these birds	
Plovers and Lapwings: Charadriidae		

Pacific Golden Plover	Cairns Esplanade and Sod Farms south of Cairns	
Banded Lapwing (E)	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Masked Lapwing	Various locations on tour	
Greater Sand Plover	Cairns Esplanade	
Red-kneed Dotterel	Lake Cargelligo Sewage Works	
Hooded Plover	Adventure Bay in Tasmania	
Black-fronted Dotterel	Various locations on tour	
Plains-Wanderer: Pedionomidae		
Plains-Wanderer	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Jacanas: Jacanidae		
Comb-crested Jacana	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Sandpipers and Allies: Scolopacidae		
Little Curlew	Random encounter south of Cairns	
Whimbrel	Cairns Esplanade	
Far Eastern Curlew	Cairns Esplanade	
Black-tailed Godwit	Cairns Esplanade	
Bar-tailed Godwit	Cairns Esplanade	
Ruddy Turnstone	Michaelmas Caye	
Great Knot	Cairns Esplanade	
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Cairns Esplanade	
Red-necked Stint	Cairns Esplanade	
Terek Sandpiper	Cairns Esplanade	
Gray-tailed Tattler	Cairns Esplanade	
Latham's Snipe	Cattana Wetlands and South Bruny Island Tasmania	
Common Greenshank	Cattana Wetlands	
Marsh Sandpiper	Cairns Esplanade	
Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers: Laridae		

Silver Gull	Various locations on tour	
Pacific Gull (E)	Bruny Island	
Kelp Gull	All over Tasmania	
Brown Noddy	Michaelmas Caye	
Sooty Tern	Michaelmas Caye	
Bridled Tern	Michaelmas Caye	
Australian Tern	Cairns Esplanade	
Caspian Tern	Cairns Esplanade	
Whiskered Tern	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Little Tern	Cairns Esplanade	
Great Crested Tern	Michaelmas Caye	
Lesser Crested Tern	Michaelmas Caye	
Penguins: Spheniscidae		
Little Penguin	Pirates Bay	
Shearwaters and Petrels: Procellariidae		
Short-tailed Shearwater	Bass Point	
Wedge-tailed Shearwater	Bass Point	
Storks: Ciconiidae		
Black-necked Stork	Cairns Esplanade and Cattana Wetlands	
Frigatebirds: Fregatidae		
Great Frigatebird	Michaelmas Caye	
Boobies and Gannets: Sulidae		
Brown Booby	Michaelmas Caye	
Red-footed Booby	Michaelmas Caye	
Australasian Gannet	Bass Point and Adventure Bay in Tasmania	
Anhingas: Anhingidae		
Australasian Darter	Various locations on tour	

Cormorants and Shags: Phalacrocoracidae		
Little Pied Cormorant	Various locations on tour	
Great Cormorant	Various locations on tour	
Pied Cormorant	Lake Wynagan	
Little Black Cormorant	Various locations on tour	
Black-faced Cormorant	Adventure Bay in Tasmania	
Pelicans: Pelecanidae		
Australian Pelican	Various locations on tour	
Hérons, Egrets and Bitterns: Ardeidae		
Black Bittern	Seen in flight on the Daintree River Cruise	
Pacific (White-necked) Heron (E)	Various locations on tour	
Great-billed Heron	Daintree River Cruise	
Great Egret	Various locations on tour	
Plumed Egret	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
White-faced Heron	Various locations on tour	
Little Egret	Centenary Lakes	
Pacific Reef Heron	Seen along coast road en route to Daintree	
Eastern Cattle Egret	Various locations on tour	
Striated Heron	Daintree River Cruise	
Rufous (Nankeen) Night Heron	Cairns Esplanade (Southside Roosts)	
Ibises and Spoonbills: Threskiornithidae		
Glossy Ibis	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Australian Ibis	Various locations on tour	
Staw-necked Ibis	Various locations on tour	
Royal Spoonbill	Various locations on tour	
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Gum Swamp and Lake Cargelligo (the lake)	
Osprey: Pandionidae		

Osprey	Bass Point	
Hawks, Eagles and Kites: Accipitridae		
Black-shouldered Kite (E)	Various locations on tour	
Square-tailed Kite (E)	Mt. Gravit	
Little Eagle (E)	Seen while driving on a major freeway towards Sydney - all guests asleep (Guide Only)	
Pacific Baza	Centenary Lakes	
Wedge-tailed Eagle	Various locations on tour	
Swamp Harrier	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Spotted Harrier	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Gray Goshawk (E)	South Bruny Island	
Brown Goshawk	Ingalba Nature Reserve	
Collared Sparrowhawk	Seen well randomly in a. town	
Black Kite	Various locations on tour	
Whistling Kite	Various locations on tour	
Brahminy Kite	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
White-bellied Sea Eagle	Lake Cargelligo (the lake)	
Barn Owls: Tytonidae		
Barn Owl	Davies Creek Reserve	
Lesser Sooty Owl	Chambers Lodge	
Owls: Strigidae		
Rufous Owl	Les Davies Park in Cairns	
Barking Owl (E)	HEARD ONLY	
Powerful Owl (E)	Urban Park in Sydney	
Australian Boobook	Chambers Lodge	
Tasmanian Boobook	Waterworks Reserve in Tasmania	
Kingfishers: Alcedinidae		
Azure Kingfisher	Daintree River Cruise	

Laughing Kookaburra (E)	Various locations on tour	
Blue-winged Kookaburra	Mt. Carbine Caravan Park	
Forest Kingfisher	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Sacred Kingfisher	Various locations on tour	
Torresian Kingfisher	Centenary Lakes	
Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher	North of Daintree NP	
Bee-eaters: Meropidae		
Rainbow Bee-eater	Various locations on tour	
Rollers: Coraciidae		
Dollarbird	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Falcons and Caracaras: Falconidae		
Nankeen Kestrel	Various locations on tour	
Australian Hobby	Random encounter near Griffith	
Brown Falcon	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Peregrine Falcon	Lithgow Sewage Ponds	
Cockatoos: Cacatuidae		
Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (E)	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo (E)	Capertee Valley	
Pink (Major Mitchell's) Cockatoo (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Gang-gang Cockatoo (E)	Barren Grounds Reserve	
Galah (E)	Various locations on tour	
Long-billed Corella (E)	Sandown Park	
Little Corella	Various locations on tour	
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Various locations on tour	
Cockatiel (E)	Gum Swamp	
Old World Parrots: Psittaculidae		
Budgerigar (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	

Superb Parrot (E)	Seen en Route to Forbes	
Australian King-Parrot (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Red-winged Parrot	Mt. Carbine	
Blue-winged Parrot (E)	North Bruny Island, Tasmania	
Swift Parrot (E)	Adventure Bay in Tasmania	
Australian Ringneck (Mallee) (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Green Rosella (TE)	All over Tasmania	
Crimson Rosella (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Eastern Rosella (E)	Various locations on tour	
Pale-headed Rosella (E)	Granite Gorge Nature Park	
Greater Bluebonnet (E)	Back-Yama State Forest	
Red-rumped Parrot (E)	Various locations on tour	
Mulga Parrot (E)	Binya State Forest	
Double-eyed Fig-Parrot	Etty Bay Road	
Eastern Ground Parrot (E)	Seen at Barren Grounds by myself and another TB Guide Only	
Musk Lorikeet (E)	Sandown Park	
Rainbow Lorikeet	Various locations on tour	
Scaly-breasted Lorikeet (E)	Pickford Road in Mareeba	
Pittas: Pittidae		
Noisy Pitta (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Lyrebirds: Menuridae		
Albert's Lyrebird (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Superb Lyrebird (E)	Around Barren Grounds and MacQuarries Pass NP	
Bowerbirds: Ptilonorhynchidae		
Spotted Catbird (E)	Mt. Lewis Road, Chambers Lodge and Mt. Hypipamee	
Green Catbird (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Tooth-billed Bowerbird (E)	Lake Barrine in the Tablelands	

Golden Bowerbird (E)	Mt. Hypipamee	
Regent Bowerbird (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Satin Bowerbird (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Great Bowerbird (E)	Mt. Carbine	
Australasian Treecreepers: Climacteridae		
White-throated Treecreeper (E)	Mt. Hypipamee	
Brown Treecreeper (E)	Wandecia "Bluff" State Park and Capertee Valley	
Red-browed Treecreeper (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Fairywrens: Maluridae		
Southern Emu-wren	Budderoo Fire Trail	
Lovely Fairywren (E)	Steward Creek Road, Daintree and Abattoir Swamp	
Purple-backed Fairywren (E)	Lake Cargelligo Sewage Works	
Variiegated Fairywren (E)	Minnippi Wetlands	
Splendid Fairywren (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Superb Fairywren (E)	Various locations on tour	
White-winged Fairy Wren (E)	Hay plains with Phil Maher and "Chat Alley"	
Red-backed Fairywren (E)	Pickford Road in Mareeba and East Mary Road	
Honeyeaters: Meliphagidae		
Eastern Spinebill (E)	Various locations on tour	
Black Honeyeater (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Pied Honeyeater (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Regent Honeyeater (E)	Capertee Valley	
Yellow-spotted Honeyeater (E)	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Lewin's Honeyeater (E)	Various locations on tour	
Cryptic Honeyeater	North of Daintree NP	
Gracefull Honeyeater (E)	Patch Opposite Sides Road	

Yellow Honeyeater (E)	Mt. Carbine Caravan Park	
White-fronted Honeyeater (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Yellow-faced Honeyeater (E)	Abattoir Swamp	
Bell Miner (E)	On the road up to O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Noisy Miner (E)	Various locations on tour	
Yellow-throated Miner (E)	En route to Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Bridled Honeyeater (E)	Mt. Hypipamee	
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Little Wattlebird (E)	All over Tasmania and Barren Grounds	
Red Wattlebird (E)	Lithgow Sewage Ponds and Gosling Creek Park	
Yellow Wattlebird (TE)	All over Tasmania	
Varied Honeyeater	Cairns Esplanade mangroves	
Mangrove Honeyeater (E)	Nudgee Beach Mangroves	
Gray-fronted Honeyeater (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Singing Honeyeater (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Yellow-tinted Honeyeater (E)	Wandecle "Bluff" State Park	
Yellow-plumed Honeyeater (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
White-plumed Honeyeater (E)	Capertee Valley	
Fuscous Honeyeater (E)	Wandecle "Bluff" State Park	
Brown-backed Honeyeater	Abattoir Swamp	
Orange Chat (E)	"Chat Alley"	
Crimson Chat (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
White-fronted Chat (E)	"Chat Alley"	
Dusky Myzomela	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Scarlet Myzomela (E)	Hasties Swamp	
Banded Honeyeater (E)	East Mary Farms Road	

Brown Honeyeater	Lake Morris Road and Abattoir Swamp	
Crescent Honeyeater (E)	The Springs on Mount Wellington	
New Holland Honeyeater (E)	Budderoo Fire Trail and all over Tasmania	
White-cheeked Honeyeater (E)	Hasties Swamp	
White-eared Honeyeater (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Yellow-throated Honeyeater (TE)	North Bruny Island, Tasmania	
Blue-faced Honeyeater	Various locations on tour	
White-throated Honeyeater	Hasties Swamp	
White-naped Honeyeater (E)	Hasties Swamp	
Black-headed Honeyeater (TE)	North Bruny Island, Tasmania	
Brown-headed Honeyeater (E)	Back-Yama State Forest	
Strong-billed Honeyeater (TE)	The Neck campground Bruny Island	
Macleay's Honeyeater (E)	Palm Road in the Daintree Area	
Striped Honeyeater (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Painted Honeyeater (E)	McCann Road near Griffith	
Little Friarbird	Various locations on tour	
Helmeted Friarbird	Centenary Lakes	
Noisy Friarbird	Mt. Carbine and Pickford Road	
Pardalotes: Pardalotidae		
Spotted Pardalote (E)	Capertee Valley and Truganini Reserve Tasmania	
Forty-spotted Pardalote (TE)	North Bruny Island, Tasmania	
Striated Pardalote (E)	Abattoir Swamp	
Bristlebirds: Dasyornithidae		
Eastern Bristlebird (E)	Budderoo Fire Trail	
Thornbills and Allies: Acanthizidae		
Rockwarbler	Royal National Park	
Yellow-throated Scrubwren (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	

White-browed Scrubwren (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Tasmanian Scrubwren (TE)	Various locations on Tasmania	
Atherton Scrubwren (E)	Mt. Hypipamee	
Large-billed Scrubwren (E)	Best views on Carr Road	
Scrubtit (TE)	Mount Wellington "The Springs" trails	
Striated Fieldwren (E)	Sedburry Creek and Marsh	
Speckled Warbler (E)	Binya State Forest and Back Yamma State Forest	
Chestnut-rumped Heathwren (E)	Royal National Park	
Shy Heathwren (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Buff-rumped Thornbill (E)	Ingalba Nature Reserve	
Mountain Thornbill (E)	Mt. Hypipamee	
Brown Thornbill (E)	Various locations on tour	
Tasmanian Thornbill (TE)	Various locations on Tasmania	
Inland Thornbill (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Yellow-rumped Thornbill (E)	Binya State Forest	
Chestnut-rumped Thornbill (E)	Back-Yama State Forest	
Yellow Thornbill (E)	Back-Yama State Forest	
Striated Thornbill (E)	MacQuarries NP	
Weebill (E)	Back-Yama State Forest	
Fairy Gerygone	Palm Road in the Daintree Area	
White-throated Gerygone	Mt. Carbine Cemetery	
Large-billed Gerygone	Centenary Lakes	
Brown Gerygone (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat and Mt. Lewis Road	
Western Gerygone (E)	Back-Yama State Forest	
Mangrove Gerygone (E)	Nudgee Beach Mangroves	
Southern Whiteface (E)	Back-Yama State Forest	
Pseudo-Babblers: Pomatostomidae		

Gray-crowned Babbler	Back-Yama State Forest	
White-browed Babbler (E)	Capertee Valley and Binya Forest Reserve	
Logrunners: Orthonychidae		
Australian Logrunner (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Chowchilla (E)	Lake Barrine in the Tablelands	
Quail-Thrushes: Cinclosomatidae		
Chestnut Quail-thrush (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Cuckooshrikes: Campephagidae		
Barred Cuckooshrike	Mt. Lewis Road	
Black-faced Cuckooshrike	Various locations on tour	
White-bellied Cuckooshrike	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
White-winged Triller	Capertee Valley and East Mary Farm Road	
Varied Triller	Palm Road in the Daintree Area	
Sahul Cicadabird	Patch Opposite Sides Road	
Sitellas: Neosittidae		
Varied Sitella	Wandecle "Bluff" State Park	
Whipbirds and Wedgebills: Psophodidae		
Eastern Whipbird (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Australo-papuan Bellbirds: Oreoicidae		
Crested Bellbird (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Shrike-tit: Falcunculidae		
Eastern Shrike-tit (E)	Capertee Valley	
Whistlers and Allies: Pachycephalidae		
Rufous Shrikethrush	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Gray Shrikethrush	Various locations on tour	
Bower's Shrikethrush (E)	Mt. Hypipamee	
Olive Whistler (E)	Mount Wellington "The Springs"	

Golden Whistler (E)	Various locations on tour	
Gray Whistler	Mt. Lewis Road	
Rufous Whistler	Various locations on tour	
Old World Orioles: Oriolidae		
Olive-backed Oriole	Granite Gorge Nature Park	
Green Oriole	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Australasian Figbird (E)	Various locations on tour	
Boatbills: Machaerirhynchidae		
Yellow-breasted Boatbill	Patch Opposite Sides Road	
Woodswallows, Bellmagpies and Allies: Artamidae		
White-breasted Woodswallow	Various locations on tour	
Masked Woodswallow (E)	Back-Yama State Forest	
White-browed Woodswallow (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Black-faced Woodswallow	Capertee Valley	
Dusky Woodswallow (E)	Wandecle “Bluff” State Park	
Gray Butcherbird (E)	Minnippi Wetlands and in various locations on Tasmania	
Pied Butcherbird (E)	Various locations on tour	
Black Butcherbird	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Australian Magpie (E)	Various locations on tour	
Pied Currawong (E)	Various locations on tour	
Black Currawong (TE)	Bruny Island and Waterworks Reserve	
Gray Currawong (E)	Waterworks Reserve in Tasmania	
Fantails: Rhipiduridae		
Northern Fantail	Davies Creek Reserve	
Willie-wagtail	Various locations on tour	
Australian Rufous Fantail	O’Reilly’s Nature Retreat, Mt. Lewis and Mt. Hypipamee	

Gray Fantail	Various locations on tour	
Drongos: Dicuridae		
Spangled Drongo	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Birds-of-Paradise: Paradisaeidae		
Paradise Riflebird (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Victoria's Riflebird (E)	Best views in Mt. Hypipamee	
Monarch Flycatchers: Monarchidae		
White-eared Monarch (E)	Chambers Lodge	
Pied Monarch (E)	Palm Road in the Daintree Area	
Black-faced Monarch	Patch Opposite Sides Road	
Spectacled Monarch	Various locations on tour	
Magpie-Lark	Various locations on tour	
Leaden Flycatcher	Abattoir Swamp	
Satin Flycatcher	Mission Road on Bruny Island	
Shining Flycatcher	Daintree River Cruise	
White-winged Chough and Apostlebirds: Corcoracidae		
White-winged Chough (E)	Various locations on tour	
Apostlebird (E)	Various locations on tour	
Crows, Jays and Magpies: Corvidae		
Torresian Crow	Mt. Carbine	
Little Crow (E)	Lake Wynagan area	
Australian Raven (E)	Various locations on tour	
Little Raven (E)	Lithgow Sewage Ponds and west from there	
Forest Raven	All over Tasmania	
Australian Robins: Petroicidae		
Lemon-bellied Flyrobin	End of Pickford Road	
Jacky-Winter	Capertee Valley and Binya Forest Reserve	

Hooded Robin (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Scarlet Robin (E)	North Bruny Island, Tasmania	
Red-capped Robin (E)	Back-Yama State Forest	
Flame Robin (E)	Mount Wellington "Big Bend"	
Rose Robin (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Pink Robin (E)	Waterworks Reserve in Tasmania	
Dusky Robin (TE)	North Bruny Island, Tasmania	
Pale-yellow Robin (E)	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Eastern Yellow Robin (E)	Various locations on tour	
Mangrove Robin	Cairns Esplanade north mangroves	
Gray-headed Robin (E)	Mt. Hypipamee	
White-browed Robin (E)	Davies Creek Reserve	
Southern Scrub Robin (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Larks: Alaudidae		
Singing Bushlark	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Eurasian Skylark	Known hotspot in Tasman Peninsula	
Cisticolas and Allies: Cisticolidae		
Golden-headed Cisticola	Marshlands in North Queensland	
Reed-Warblers and Allies: Acrocephalidae		
Australian Reed Warbler	Gosling Creek Park	
Grassbirds and Allies: Locustellidae		
Little Grassbird	Gosling Creek Park	
Tawny Grassbird	Random encounter just outside of Mt. Hypipamee	
Rufous Songlark (E)	Capertee Valley	
Brown Songlark (E)	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Swallows: Hirundinidae		
Welcome Swallow (E)	Various locations on tour	

White-backed Swallow (E)	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Fairy Martin	Various locations on tour	
Tree Martin	Various locations on tour	
Bulbuls: Pycnonotidae		
Red-whiskered Bulbul	Bass Point Area	
White-eyes, Yuhinas, and Allies: Zosteropidae		
Silver-eye	Various locations on tour	
Starlings: Sturnidae		
Metallic Starling	Various locations on tour	
European Starling	Various locations on tour	
Common Myna	Various locations on tour	
Thrushes and Allies: Turdidae		
Bassian Thrush (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, Royal NP, and McQuarries NP	
Russet-tailed Thrush	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat lower elevation roads	
Eurasian Blackbird	Various locations on tour	
Flowerpeckers: Dicaeidae		
Mistletoebird	Various locations on tour	
Sunbirds and Spiderhunters: Nectariniidae		
Sahul Sunbird	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Waxbills and Allies: Estrildidae		
Diamond Firetail (E)	Capertee Valley	
Red-browed Firetail (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Cimson Finch	Cattana Wetlands	
Zebra Finch	“Chat Alley”	
Double-barred Finch (E)	McCann Road near Griffith	
Chestnut-breasted Munia	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Scaly-breasted Munia	Cairns Esplanade Foot Path	



Old World Sparrows: Passeridae		
House Sparrow	Various locations on tour	
Wagtails and Pipits: Motacillidae		
Australian Pipit	Road to Newell Beach and Sod farms south of Cairns	
Finches, Euphorias and Allies: Fringillidae		
European Goldfinch	Neighborhoods of Hobart	
European Greenfinch	Neighborhoods of Hobart	
‘OTHER ANIMALS’		
Duck-billed Platypus		
Long-nosed Bandicoot		
Short-beaked Echinda		
Common Wombat		
Koala		
Mountain Brushtail Possum		
Common Brushtail Possum		
Coppery Brushtail Possum		
Common Ringtail Possum		
Striped Possum		
Krefftt’s Glider		
Musky Rat Kangaroo		
Agile Wallaby		
Whiptail (Pretty-faced) Wallaby		
Eastern Grey Kangaroo		
Western Grey Kangaroo		
Red Kangaroo		
Red-necked Wallaby		
Bennett’s Wallaby		



Black (Swamp) Wallaby		
Mareeba Rock Wallaby		
Rufous-bellied (Tasmanian) Pademelon		
Red-legged Pademelon		
Red-necked Pademelon		
Spectacled Flying-fox		
Gray-headed Flying-fox		
Fawn-footed Melomys		
Fat-tailed Dunnart		
Saltwater Crocodile		
Lace Monitor Lizard		
Green Sea Turtle		
Black-tipped Reef Shark		
Eastern Bearded Dragon		
Boyd's Forest Dragon		
Sand Goanna		
Masked Mountain Frog		
Mudpuppies		
Shingleback Lizard		
Major Skink		
Copperhead Snake		
Coastal Carpet Python		
Eastern Brown Snake		
Common Tree Snake		
Kreff's River Turtle		
Common Long-necked Turtle		
Eastern Snake-necked Turtle		
Eastern Short-necked Turtle		



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Elephant Seal		
Red Fox		
Feral Pig		
Feral Goat		
European Hare		
European Rabbit		