

# Tropical Birding Tours

*Australia: The Top End (As an Extension to Eastern Australia  
From Top to Bottom)*



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The photos in this report were captured by Ben Knoot unless otherwise stated.

## *Tour Introduction*

‘Good-day’ reader! Just a little Australian greeting from the guide and writer of this report. Well, what can I say other than what you probably already know...Australia is one heck of a destination for birds, mammals, habitats and incredible scenery. This report is just going to cover the Northern Territory extension that took place in late October. This extension was a “pre-tour” trip that combined with our Set-Departure Eastern Australia: From Top to Bottom tour. There will be a separate report for that section. If you want to read the Eastern section trip report, please locate that in the trip archive section of the Tropical Birding website.

The Northern Territory is vast...very, very vast. Long drives, hot days and flies were a constant reminder that for most of the tour we were in fact out in the middle of nowhere, enjoying the exquisite offerings; feathered, furred and otherwise. Our tour started in Darwin, a hot, tropical city on the coast of the Northern Territory. Famed for its amazing parks and lively energy, Darwin is the ideal place to start a tour in the Northern Territory. We visited several hotspots to hit key mangrove and monsoon vine forest species like Rainbow Pitta, Red-headed Myzomela and Green-backed Gerygone. This was also the best place for us to grab shorebirds..just behind our hotel in fact!

When we had our fill of this wonderful coastal environment, we left Darwin and went south towards Katherine. This area is considerably drier and of course hosts a different set of target birds we were keen to get our bins on. Over the next few days we spent our time in near seclusion, seeing another car or person every other hour, but sometimes we went an entire day and maybe saw one other car...AMAZING! I do really love how “out-there” you can get in this region of the world.

We ended our time in the Northern Territory in the famed Kakadu National Park and surrounding area. Here, the Yellow River reigns king and attracts a variety of incredible birds. So much so that nearly a third of all of Australia's birdlife has been recorded here at some point, taking advantage of this vital water source. The sandstone escarpments are also so unique that they too attract a set of birds that while can be found elsewhere in the NT are ever present and add a nice ‘finishing-touch’ onto the already incredible landscape. Our time here was difficult this year. Extreme heat and an unfortunate fatality in the park created a lot of closures in key areas. We did our best here but unfortunately did not have the proper ability to go after everything I would have liked.

Overall the Northern Territory was a blast. If you can put aside the strenuous heat, the relentless flies and a semi consistent diet of fried food, fish and steak, the NT is really something that everyone should experience at some point.

For this trip report, I am going to organize it a bit differently. Instead of doing a day by day type summary, I am going to do it in sections based on habitats just like last time as it seemed to work really well last year...enjoy the report and the variety of imagery captured on this trip!

## Itinerary

October 23rd.....	STAR of Tour - Afternoon around Darwin Hotspots
October 24th.....	Darwin Hotspots/Adelaide River/Pine Creek/Katherine
October 25th.....	Katherine Hotspots/Road to Timber Creek
October 26th.....	Timber Creek Hotspots
October 27th.....	Timber Creek/Road to Top Springs/Top Springs
October 28th.....	Top Springs Hotspots/Pine Creek
October 29th.....	Pine Creek Hotspots/Kakadu NP/Yellow Water Cruise
October 30th.....	Yellow Water Cruise/Kakadu NP/Darwin
October 31st.....	DEPARTURES or FLIGHT TO CAIRNS (Eastern Tour)

## *Tour Summary*

First things first, let's get the generalists out of the way. These are birds we see nearly everyday in a variety of locations and habitats.

### **Section One: The Generalists**

The Northern Territory like all places has a lot of “generalists”. These birds can really hang in any habitat category. We see these birds over the course of the entire tour in various habitats. Birds like; **Torresian Crow, Magpie Lark, White-breasted Woodswallow, Dollarbird, Red-backed Fairywren, Brown Honeyeater, Brown Falcon, Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, Galah, Great Bowerbird, Sacred and Forest Kingfisher, Red-winged Parrot, Paperbark Flycatcher, Little Corella, Sulfur-crested Cockatoo, Rainbow Bee-eater, Blue-winged Kookaburra, Brown Goshawk, Black Kite, White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike, Red-collared Lorikeet, Cockatiel, Whistling Kite, Peaceful and Bar-shouldered Dove.**



Sulphur-crested Cockatoo: Photo by Guide - Ben Knoot



White-breasted Woodswallow - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Paperbark Flycatcher - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot





Red-tailed Black Cockatoo - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Red-winged Parrot - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Blue-winged Kookaburra - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Bar-shouldered Dove - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

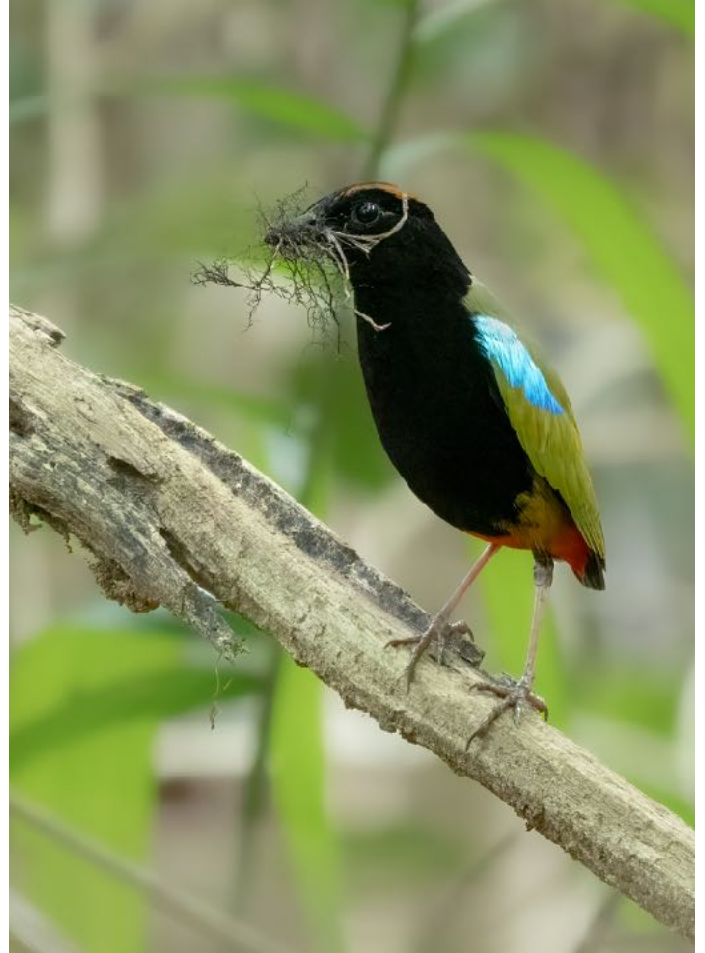
### ***Section Two: Tropical Monsoon Forest***

Over the course of this tour, visit two big sections of [Monsoon Forests](#). Our first introduction to this habitat is in [Buffalo Creek](#) and the other is [Howard Springs Park in Darwin](#). These forests are hot, humid, tangled messes but hold quite a few Northern Territory specialties, as well as other wide spread Australian species. Birds like; [Lemmon-bellied Flyrobin](#), [Large-billed Gerygone](#), [Rainbow Pitta](#), [Barking Owl](#), [Orange-footed Megapode](#), [Spangled Drongo](#), [Green Oriole](#), [Bar-breasted](#), [White-throated](#), and [Rufous-banded Honeyeaters](#), [Australasian Figbird](#), [Varied Triller](#), [Silver-backed Butcherbird](#), and [Arafura Fantail](#). We also found a sweet [Merten's Water Monitor](#) lounging around on the grass. We also did one night outing and had some brilliant luck with a low down, out in the open [Tawny Frogmouth](#)...stunning stuff.





Silver-backed Butcherbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Rainbow Pitta - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Large-billed Gerygone - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot





Tawny Frogmouth - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoop

### ***Section Three: Tropical Mangroves***

We visit several areas of mangrove on this tour. The first are the [Mangroves at Buffalo Creek in Darwin](#). Here we had some good luck with; [Azure Kingfisher](#), [Brahminy Kite](#), [White-bellied Sea Eagle](#), [Osprey](#), [Red-headed Myzomela](#), [Dusky Myzomela](#), [Striated Heron](#), [Black Butcherbird](#), and [Australian Yellow White-eye](#). On the last afternoon of the tour we had some great views of the sometimes difficult [Chestnut Rail](#), a wonderful mangrove specialist. [The East Point Mangrove Boardwalk](#) location gave us looks at; [Torresian Kingfisher](#), [Northern and Mangrove Gray Fantail](#). Mangroves are always tricky...very dense, and tough to get on the quick little birds but overall, we had some decent luck in this habitat. Lastly, [Mangroves along the Adelaide River](#) gave us stunning views of [Rose-crowned Fruit Dove](#) and a nice [Mangrove Golden Whistler](#).



Red-headed Myzomela - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Little Bronze Cuckoo - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Osprey - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Brahminy Kite - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



#### **Section Four: Wetlands/Swamps/Lagoons/Waterways/Sewage Treatment Plants**

These habitats much like sandy beaches, mudflats and rocky shorelines are much the same worldwide in terms of their design and overall structure. Of course, the biggest difference is the location of these swamps, wetlands, water systems and treatment plants. Here in the Northern Territory of Australia, we found just about everything I'd expect to find in such habitats. Birds like; **Magpie Goose, Green Pygmy Goose, Rajah Shelduck, Plumed and Wandering Whistling Duck, Radjah Shelduck, Pacific Black Duck, Black-necked Stork, Whiskered Tern, Plumed, Cattle, Great and Little Egret, Nankeen Night Heron, Comb-crested Jacana, Pied and Pacific Heron, White-browed Crake, Royal Spoonbill, Australasian Darter, Little Pied and Little Black Cormorant, Black-fronted Dotterel, Little Curlew, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Common Greenshank and Marsh Sandpiper.** Most of these birds were found either in **Knuckey's Lagoon** or on the **Yellow Water Cruise in Kakadu National Park.**

A few 'non water-based' birds were found near the wetlands as well, which is also to be expected. Birds like; **Crimson Finch, Long-tailed Finch, Masked Finch and Channel-billed Cuckoo** were present and showed off nicely. We also had some great luck at the **Katherine Waste Water Treatment Plant** when we picked up about a dozen or so **Australian Pratincole.**



Rajah Shelduck - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot





Channel-billed Cuckoo - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Crimson Finch - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Long-tailed Finch - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

***Section Four: Tropical Eucalypt Savana (Melaleuca and Open Eucalypt)***

This is by far the most extensive and most important habitat on this tour. It holds the most Northern Territory specialties because well, it is the most prevalent habitat as it spans an area not only on most of our tour, but also most of the Northern Territory. Most of the finches on this tour can be found in either this [Melaleuca Savanna](#) or [Open Eucalypt Savanna](#). We started off with the easy ones...[Crimson Finch](#), [Chestnut-breasted Munia](#), and [Double-barred Finch](#) were all quite common, especially around burned areas and areas with a little bit of standing water. Before leaving Timber Creek we had an excellent evening with an [Australian Boobook](#) pair. We found our [Zebra finches](#) on the way out of [Timber Creek](#) en route to Top Springs along the side of the road. That is sort of the secret in the NT...find water...And that's what we did and at a small pool en route to Top Springs we found some great birds like [Banded Honeyeater](#), [Cockatiel](#), [Gouldian Finch](#), [Rufous-throated Honeyeater](#), [Spinifex Pigeon](#), [Yellow-tinted Honeyeater](#), [Little Woodswallow](#) and nearby in the [Melaleuca Savanna](#), [Red-browed Pardalote](#) and [Hooded Robin](#). We picked up our last finch, the [Pictorella Munia](#) just [outside of Top Springs](#) in the [Melaleuca Savanna](#). In this general area we also picked up; [Spotted Harrier](#), and [Common Bronzewing](#).



Cockatiel - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Rufous-throated Honeyeater - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Little Woodswallow - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot





Australian Boobook - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot



Spinifex Pigeon - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot



By far one of the more desired and difficult chases that we managed to pull off came just [south of Katherine](#). Our first few tries failed so our last go really put the pressure on. Luckily, the never give up attitude of the group prevailed and we were able to get cracking views of [Northern Shrike-tit](#). This recent split from Crested Shrike-tit was a big target for one of the group members so we were all stoked to pick up this bird. Other great birds we found in this area was the [Black-tailed Treecreeper](#), [Varied Sittella](#), [Black-chinned Honeyeater](#), [Jacky Winter](#), [Yellow-tinted Honeyeater](#), [Rufous-throated Honeyeater](#), [Brown Quail](#) and though we tried, we could not locate any buttonquail...too bad.



Varied Sittella - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Black-chinned Honeyeater - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

### **Section Five: Sandstone Escarpments**

Perhaps one of the ‘coolest’, and I do use that term loosely habitats we visit in my opinion are the towering [Sandstone Escarpments](#). These areas are typically exceptionally hot, exposed and lacking in a huge diversity of birds. What they lack in diversity, they make up for in specialties. We visit three areas are escarpments on this tour, one in between Timber Creek and Victoria River, one just north of Timber Creek and the other in Kakadu NP.

Our first opportunity to experience these escarpments was the [Gregory National Park Escarpment Walk](#). This is a tough hike. Definitely the steepest and most effort required walk on any of my tours and definitely on this specific tour. Here we target the White-quilled Rock Pigeon and Short-eared Rock Wallaby. After a bit of searching we located a pair of **White-quilled Rock Pigeon** feeding calmly in the morning sun. We continued to search for a bit but unfortunately couldn't find the Short-eared Rock Wallaby. But we did have a great surprise in the grasses just below the escarpments when a group of finches gave way to a few **Yellow-rumped Munia**. It is also worth mentioning that this area is where we had a family of **Purple-crowned Fair Wren**.

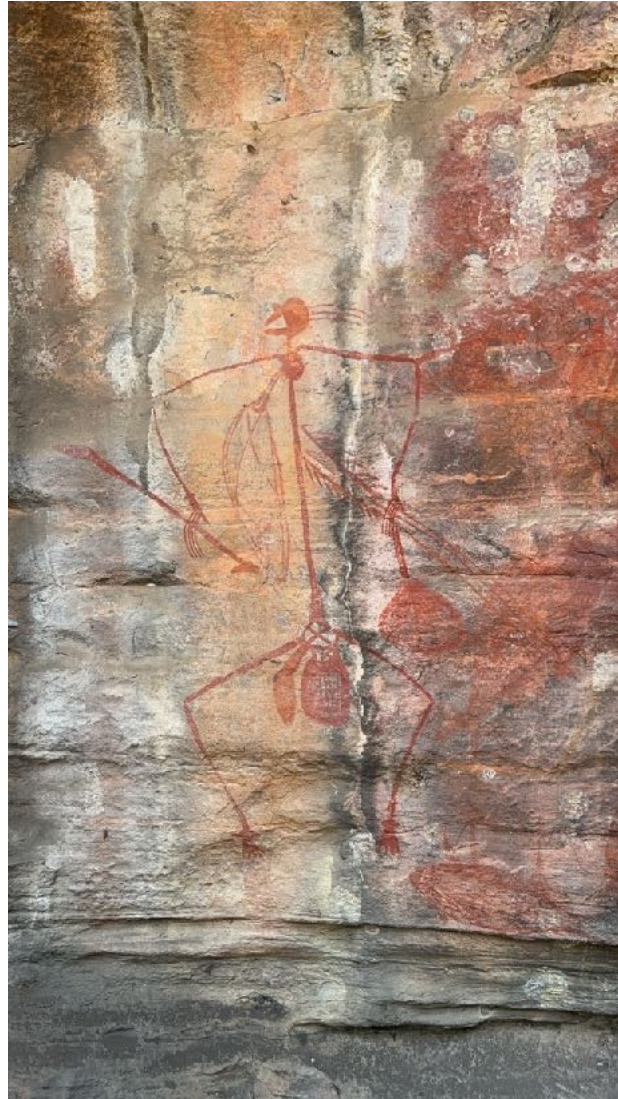


White-quilled Rock Pigeon - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Our secondary escarpment walk was just north of Timber Creek called the [Neckaroo Lookout](#). This escarpment is a little different but overall it has the same feel. Here is where we found our [Sandstone Shrike-thrush](#) and [Diamond Dove](#). This escarpment has always been reliable.

Our last escarpment walk was also incredibly fruitful. Several walks in [Kakadu NP](#) gave us great looks at all of the special birds we wanted here. Those were; [Black-banded Fruit-Dove](#), [White-lined Honeyeater](#) and [Chestnut-quilled Rock Pigeon](#). We also managed some great views of [Pacific Emerald Dove](#), [Collared Sparrowhawk](#), and [Arafura Shrikethrush](#). There is also some beautiful aboriginal art.





Aboriginal Art - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

### **Section Six: Anthropogenic Habitats and Random Encounters:**

One of the many beautiful things about touring are the seemingly random encounters you experience while on tour. Most of the time, these birds or animals are somewhere that you don't expect or birds that have made their home in some sort of Anthropogenic environment. For example; one of the most reliable places to find the **Hooded Parrot** happens to be outside of a Tavern called "**The Lazy Lizard**" in **Pine Creek**. Here you can find the birds drinking from the sprinklers, bathing in random parking lot puddles and feeding in the manicured grasses. This same area also happens to host an incredible **Black Flying Fox** colony and the next-door caravan park is the best place to find **Gray-crowned Babblers**. Speaking of Caravan Parks, the **Katherine Gorge Caravan Park** gave us our last parrot species for the tour, a stunning **Northern Rosella**. The **Mardugal Campsite and Caravan Park** gave us views at the normally skittish **Partridge Pigeon**. This is a great location for this bird and this time we had some prolonged looks.





Northern Rosella - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

There are several Australasian Robins seen on this tour but the only truly randomly placed one (or so it seems) is the **Buff-sided Robin** in **Timber Creek Caravan Park**. The entire area surrounding this little caravan park is dry, eucalypt woodland and grassy fields...then you get to the **Timber Creek Hotel** and are presented with a random stretch of huge fruiting trees that border a river. Here it where you can find not only a pair of **Buff-sided Robin** but also a few **Freshwater Crocodile** and **Little Red Flying Fox**. Heading out of Timber Creek we ran into a huge flock of **Pacific Swift**. One of the coolest sightings of the trip was a pair of **Grey Falcon** **outside of Top Springs**.



Pacific Swift - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

### **Section Seven: Sandy Beaches, Mudflats and Shorelines**

To round out our habitats, we have the typical sandy beaches, mudflats and shorelines. Most of the birds here as one might gather are going to be waders, shorebirds and some 'sea-type' birds. There is nothing special about these places in terms of the actual habitats and the bird families are generally the same across the globe. What does make this place special is the fact that it is located in the Northern Territory of Australia along a decent migratory path for various shorebirds. These habitats are not common on this tour and really there are only two areas around Darwin. The principle locations for these birds are [Lee Point](#) and [Buffalo Creek \(Beach and Mudflats\)](#). Here we found; [Great Knot](#), [Greater Sand Plover](#), [Red-capped Plover](#), [Terek Sandpiper](#), [Red-necked Stint](#), [Silver Gull](#), [Australian Tern](#), [Whimbrel](#), [Far-eastern Curlew](#), [Bar-tailed Godwit](#), [Pacific Golden Plover](#), [Sanderling](#), [Gray-tailed Tattler](#), [Common Sandpiper](#), [Little Tern](#), [White-winged Tern](#), [Caspian Tern](#), and [Pied Oystercatcher](#), [Great Crested Tern](#).

Awesome end to a spectacular tour! All in all, the NT does not host a huge variety of habitats, about seven as I have shown but as I said in the beginning, what it lacks in terms of diverse habitats it more than makes up for with a killer variety of bird and wildlife.

## *Trip List of Birds and “Other Animal” Species*

### List Summary:

- 200 Bird species seen by group
- 004 Birds species seen by guide only
- 204 Birds total species for the tour
- 012 ‘Other Animal’ species seen by group

Species	Seen	Guide Only
<b>Birds</b>		
<i>Magpie Goose (Anseranatidae)</i>		
Magpie Goose	Various locations on tour	
<i>Ducks, Geese and Waterfowl (Anatidae)</i>		
Plumed Whistling Duck (E)	Various locations on tour	
Wandering Whistling Duck	Yellow Waters Cruise	
Radjah Shelduck	Buffalo Creek Area and Around Kakadu	
Green Pygmy Goose	Buffalo Creek Area and Around Kakadu	
Pacific Black Duck	Buffalo Creek Area, Around Kakadu and Knuckey’s Lagoon	
<i>Megapodes (Megapodiidae)</i>		
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	Buffalo Creek Area	
<i>Pheasants, Grouse and Allies (Phasianidae)</i>		
Brown Quail	Various locations on tour	
<i>Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)</i>		
Pacific Emerald Dove	Kakadu NP	
Common Bronzewing (E)	Buchanan Hwy near Top Springs	
Crested Pigeon (E)	Various locations on tour	
Spinifex Pigeon (E)	Outside of Timber Creek en route to Top Springs	

Species	Seen	Guide Only
Partridge Pigeon (E)	Kakadu NP	
Chestnut-quilled Rock Pigeon (E)	Kakadu	
White-quilled Rock Pigeon (E)	Gregory NP Escarpment Walk	
Diamond Dove (E)	Neckaroo Escarpment	
Peaceful Dove	Various locations on tour	
Rose-crowned Fruit Dove	Arnhem HWY Bridge over Adelaide River and Darwin Mangrove Walk	
Black-banded Fruit Dove (E)	Kakadu NP	
Bar-shouldered Dove	Various locations on tour	
Torresian Imperial Pigeon	Common around Darwin	
<i>Bustards (Otididae)</i>		
Australian Bustard	Various locations on tour	
<i>Cuckoos (Cuculidae)</i>		
Pheasant Coucal	Various locations on tour	
Pacific Koel	Seen best around Katherine	
Little Bronze Cuckoo	Buffalo Creek Area	
Pallid Cuckoo	Central Arnhem HWY	
Channel-billed Cuckoo	Kakadu NP	
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Central Arnhem HWY	
<i>Frogmouths (Podargidae)</i>		
Tawny Frogmouth (E)	Buffalo Creek Area and Timber Creek Area	
<i>Nightjars and Allies (Caprimulgidae)</i>		
Large-tailed Nightjar	Darwin Botanical Garden (day roost)	
<i>Owlet-nightjars (Aegothelidae)</i>		
Australian Owlet-Nightjar	<b>HEARD ONLY outside Pine Creek. Seen by Guide</b>	
<i>Swifts: Apodidae</i>		



Species	Seen	Guide Only
Pacific Swift	Seen in flight outside Timber Creek	
<i>Rails, Gallinules and Coots (Rallidae)</i>		
Chestnut Rail	Buffalo Creek	
Buff-banded Rail	Buffalo Creek	
White-browed Crake	Yellow Waters Cruise	
Australasian Swamphen	Yellow Waters Cruise	
<i>Cranes (Gruidae)</i>		
Brolga	Yellow Waters Cruise	
<i>Thick-Knees (Burhinidae)</i>		
Bush Thick-knee	Around our hotel in Darwin	
<i>Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)</i>		
Pied Stilt	Various locations on tour	
<i>Oystercatchers (Maematopodidae)</i>		
Sooty Oystercatcher	Lee Point	
<i>Plovers and Lapwings (Charadriidae)</i>		
Black-bellied Plover	Lee Point and Buffalo Creek Beach	
Masked Lapwing	Various locations on tour	
Greater Sand Plover	Lee Point and Buffalo Creek Beach	
Red-capped Plover	Lee Point and Buffalo Creek Beach	
Siberian Sand Plover	Lee Point and Buffalo Creek Beach	
Black-fronted Dotterel	Katherine Sewage Ponds & Kakadu	
<i>Jacanas (Jacanidae)</i>		
Comb-crested Jacana	Knuckey's Lagoon and Kakadu	
<i>Sandpipers and Allies (Scolopacidae)</i>		
Whimbrel	Lee Point and Buffalo Creek Beach	
Little Curlew	Knuckey's Lagoon	
Far Eastern Curlew	Lee Point and Buffalo Creek Beach	

Species	Seen	Guide Only
Bar-tailed Godwit	Lee Point and Buffalo Creek Beach	
Black-tailed Godwit		
Ruddy Turnstone	Lee Point and Buffalo Creek Beach	
Great Knot	Lee Point and Buffalo Creek Beach	
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Various locations on tour	
Red-necked Stint	Various locations on tour	
Sanderling	Lee Point and Buffalo Creek Beach	
Terek Sandpiper	Lee Point and Buffalo Creek Beach	
Common Sandpiper	Various locations on tour	
Gray-tailed Tattler	Lee Point and Buffalo Creek Beach	
Marsh Sandpiper	Knuckey's Lagoon	
Wood Sandpiper	Katherine Sewage Ponds	
<i>Pratincoles and Coursers (Glareolidae)</i>		
Australian Pratincole	Katherine Sewage Ponds & Kakadu	
<i>Gulls, Terns and Skimmers (Laridae)</i>		
Silver Gull	Really anywhere with water near a coast, marsh or wetland	
Australian Tern	Lee Point	
Caspian Tern	Lee Point	
Whiskered Tern	Various locations on tour	
Great Crested Tern	Lee Point and Buffalo Creek Beach	
<i>Storks (Ciconiidae)</i>		
Black-necked Stork	Kakadu and Knuckey's Lagoon	
<i>Aningas (Anhingidae)</i>		
Australasian Darter	Kakadu and Knuckey's Lagoon	
<i>Cormorants and Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)</i>		
Little Pied Cormorant	Various locations on tour	

Species	Seen	Guide Only
Little Black Cormorant	Kakadu and Knuckey's Lagoon	
<i>Herons, Egrets and Bitterns (Ardeidae)</i>		
Pacific Heron (E)	Various locations on tour	
Great Egret	Kakadu and Knuckey's Lagoon	
Plumed Egret	Kakadu and Knuckey's Lagoon	
Little Egret	Kakadu and Knuckey's Lagoon	
Pacific Reef Heron	Buffalo Creek Area	
Eastern Cattle Egret	Various locations on tour	
Nankeen Night Heron	Buchanan Hwy near Top Springs and Kakadu	
White-faced Heron	Timber Creek area	
Pied Heron	Various locations on tour	
<i>Ibis and Spoonbill (Threskionithidae)</i>		
Glossy Ibis	Yellow Waters Cruise	
Australian Ibis	Various locations on tour	
Straw-necked Ibis	Various locations on tour	
Royal Spoonbill	Various locations on tour	
<i>Osprey (Pandionidae)</i>		
Osprey	Buffalo Creek Area	
<i>Hawks, Eagles and Kites (Accipitridae)</i>		
Pacific Baza	Arnhem HWY	
Black-breasted Kite (E)	Various locations on tour	
Wedge-tailed Eagle	Few birds seen en route to Top Springs	
Little Eagle (E)		
Spotted Harrier	Buchanan Hwy near Top Springs	
Brown Goshawk	Various locations on tour	
Collared Sparrowhawk	Seen en route to Kakadu	

Species	Seen	Guide Only
Black Kite	Various locations on tour	
Whistling Kite	Various locations on tour	
Brahminy Kite	Buffalo Creek Area and Around Kakadu	
White-bellied Sea Eagle	Buffalo Creek Area, Around Kakadu and Knuckey's Lagoon	
<i>Owls (Strigidae)</i>		
Barking Owl	Buffalo Creek Area	
Australian Boobook	Victoria HWY near Timber Creek	
<i>Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)</i>		
Azure Kingfisher	Various locations on tour	
Blue-winged Kookaburra	Various locations on tour	
Red-backed Kingfisher (E)	Top Springs Area	
Forest Kingfisher	Various locations on tour	
Torresian Kingfisher	East Point Mangrove Boardwalk	
Sacred Kingfisher	Various locations on tour	
<i>Bee-eaters (Meropidae)</i>		
Rainbow Bee-eater	Various locations on tour	
<i>Rollers (Coraciidae)</i>		
Oriental Dollarbird	Various locations on tour	
<i>Falcons and Caracaras (Falconidae)</i>		
Nankeen Kestrel	Top Springs Area	
Australian Hobby	Various locations on tour	
Brown Falcon	Various locations on tour	
Gray Falcon (E)	Outside Top Springs	
Black Falcon	West Arnhem HWY	
<i>Cockatoos (Cacatuidae)</i>		
Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (E)	Various locations on tour	



Species	Seen	Guide Only
Galah (E)	Various locations on tour	
Little Corella	Various locations on tour	
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Various locations on tour	
Cockatiel (E)	Various locations on tour	
<i>Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)</i>		
Red-winged Parrot	Various locations on tour	
Northern Rosella (E)	Katherine Gorge Area	
Hooded Parrot (E)	Pine Creek	
Varied Lorikeet (E)	Various locations on tour	
Red-collared Lorikeet (E)	Various locations on tour	
<i>Pittas (Pittidae)</i>		
Rainbow Pitta (E)	Howard Springs Park	
<i>Bowerbirds (Ptilonorhynchidae)</i>		
Great Bowerbird (E)	Various locations on tour	
<i>Australasian Treecreepers (Climacteridae)</i>		
Black-tailed Treecreeper (E)	Central Arnhem HWY, Neckeroo Lookout	
<i>Fairywrens (Maluridae)</i>		
Purple-crowned Fairywren (E)	Gregory NP Escarpment Walk and Gregory Tree NP boat ramp	
Red-backed Fairywren (E)	Various locations on tour	
<i>Honeyeaters (Maliphagidae)</i>		
Yellow-throated Miner (E)		
White-lined Honeyeater	Kakadu NP	
Black-chinned Honeyeater (E)	Central Arnhem HWY	
White-gaped Honeyeater (E)	Various locations on tour	
Yellow-tinted Honeyeater (E)	Various locations on tour	
Gray-fronted Honeyeater (E)	Nackeroo Lookout in Timber Creek	

Species	Seen	Guide Only
Bar-breasted Honeyeater (E)	Muirhead Bushlands	
Rufous-banded Honeyeater	Muirhead Bushlands	
Rufous-throated Honeyeater (E)	Various locations on tour	
Dusky Myzomela	Kakadu	
Banded Honeyeater (E)	West Arnhem HWY	
Red-headed Myzomela	Buffalo Creek Area	
Brown Honeyeater	Various locations on tour	
Blue-faced Honeyeater	Various locations on tour	
White-throated Honeyeater	Various locations on tour	
Little Friarbird	Various locations on tour	
Helmeted Friarbird	Muirhead Bushlands and Howard Springs Park	
Silver-crowned Friarbird (E)	Buffalo Creek Area and Howard Springs Park	
<i>Pardalotes (Pardalotidae)</i>		
Striated Pardalote (E)	Central Arnhem HWY	
Red-browed Pardalote (E)	Just outside of Timber Creek	
<i>Thornbills and Allies (Acanthizidae)</i>		
Weebill (E)	Top Springs Area	
Green-backed Gerygone	Buffalo Creek Area	
Large-billed Gerygone (E)	Howard Springs Park and East Point Mangrove Boardwalk	
Mangrove Gerygone (E)	East Point Mangrove Boardwalk	
<i>Pseudo-Babblers (Pomatostomidae)</i>		
Gray-crowned Babbler	Various locations on tour	
<i>Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)</i>		
Black-faced Cuckooshrike	Various locations on tour	
White-bellied Cuckooshrike	Various locations on tour	

Species	Seen	Guide Only
White-winged Triller	Various locations on tour	
Varied Triller	Various locations on tour	
Sahul Cicadabird	Howard Springs Park	
<i>Sittella's (Neosittidae)</i>		
Varied Sittella	Central Arnhem HWY	
<i>Shrike-tit (Falcunculidae)</i>		
Northern Shrike-tit (E)	Central Arnhem HWY	
<i>Whistler's and Allies (Pachycephalidae)</i>		
Sandstone Shrikethrush (E)	Nackeroo Lookout in Timber Creek	
Arafura Shrikethrush	Kakadu NP	
Gray Shrikethrush	Waterhole near Timber Creek	
Mangrove Golden Whistler	Arnhem HWY Bridge over Adelaide River	
Gray Whistler	Buffalo Creek Area	
Rufous Whistler	Various locations on tour	
<i>Old World Orioles (Oriolidae)</i>		
Green Oriole	Various locations on tour	
Australasian Figbird (E)	Various locations on tour	
<i>Woodswallows and Bellmagpies (Artamidae)</i>		
White-breasted Woodswallow	Various locations on tour	
Black-faced Woodswallow	Various locations on tour	
Little Woodswallow (E)	Various locations on tour	
Silver-backed Butcherbird (E)	Howard Springs Park	
Pied Butcherbird (E)	Various locations on tour	
<i>Fantails (Rhipiduridae)</i>		
Northern Fantail	Various locations on tour	
Willie-wagtail	Various locations on tour	

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Arafura Fantail	Buffalo Creek Area and Kakadu	
Mangrove Gray Fantail	East Point Mangrove Boardwalk	
<i>Drongos (Dicruridae)</i>		
Spangled Drongo	Buffalo Creek Area and Kakadu NP	
<i>Monarch Flycatchers (Monarchidae)</i>		
Magpie-lark	Various locations on tour	
Broad-billed Flycatcher	Yellow Waters Cruise	
Paperbark Flycatcher	Various locations on tour	
Shining Flycatcher	Buffalo Creek Area and Around Kakadu	
<i>Apostlebird (Corcoracidae)</i>		
Apostlebird (E)	Pine Creek and various outback HWY's (Arnhem, Buchanan, Victoria)	
<i>Jays, Crows and Magpies (Corvidae)</i>		
Torresian Crow	Various locations on tour	
<i>Australasian Robins (Petroicidae)</i>		
Jacky-winter	Central Arnhem HWY	
Lemon-bellied Flycatcher	Muirhead Bushlands and Buffalo Creek Area	
Buff-sided Robin (E)	Timber Creek Hotel	
Mangrove Robin	East Point Mangrove Boardwalk	
Hooded Robin (E)	Outside of Timber Creek en route to Top Springs	
<i>Cisticolas and Allies (Cisticolidae)</i>		
Golden-headed Cisticola	Various locations on tour	
<i>Grassbirds and Allies (Locustellidae)</i>		
Tawny Grassbird	Knuckey's Lagoon	
<i>Swallows (Hirundinidae)</i>		



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Fairy Martin	Bradshaw Bridge outside of Timber Creek	
<i>White-eyes, Yuhinas and Allies (Zosteropidae)</i>		
Australian Yellow White-eye (E)	Buffalo Creek Area	
<i>Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)</i>		
Mistletoebird	Central Arnhem HWY and around Kakadu NP	
<i>Waxbills and Allies (Estrilididae)</i>		
Crimson Finch	Various locations on tour	
Star Finch (E)	Along the HWY outside of Timber Creek en route to Top Springs	
Zebra Finch	Various outback HWY's (Arnhem, Buchanan, Victoria)	
Double-barred Finch (E)	Various locations on tour	
Masked Finch (E)	Various locations on tour	
Long-tailed Finch (E)	Various locations on tour	
Gouldian Finch (E)	Along the HWY outside of Timber Creek en route to Top Springs	
Pictorella Munia (E)	Buchanan Hwy near Top Springs	
Yellow-rumped Munia (E)	Gregory NP Escarpment Walk (bottom grasses)	
Chestnut-breasted Munia	Gregory NP Escarpment Walk (bottom grasses) and other small various flocks	
<i>Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)</i>		
Australian Pipit	Road to Fogg Dam	
<b>Mammals/Other Fauna</b>		
Agile Wallaby	Various locations on tour	
Little Red Flying Fox	Timber Creek Hotel	
Black Flying Fox	Various locations on tour	

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Common Ring-tailed Possum	Kakadu NP	
Feral Pig	Buchanan Hwy near Top Springs	
Merten's Water Dragon	Howard Springs Park	
Gilbert's Dragon	Pine Creek and Timber Creek Hotel areas	
Fruited Lizard	Central Arnhem HWY	
Cane Toad	Timber Creek Hotel	
Asian House Gecko	Various locations on tour	
Freshwater Crocodile	Timber Creek Hotel	
Saltwater Crocodile	Kakadu Area	