

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

November 1st.....	Arrival in Cairns & Afternoon in Etty Bay
November 2nd.....	Great Barrier Reef & Cairns Hotspots
November 3rd.....	Cairns Hotspots to Daintree
November 4th.....	Daintree River Cruise to Mareeba
November 5th.....	Northern Tablelands (Mt. Lewis Area)
November 6th.....	Atherton Tablelands and Crater Lakes
November 7th.....	Crater Lakes/Cairns Hotspots/Etty Bay
November 8th.....	Cairns to O'Reilly's via Brisbane
November 9th.....	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat
November 10th.....	O'Reilly's to Sydney to Lithgow
November 11th.....	Capertee Valley to Forbes
November 12th.....	Forbes Hotspots to Lake Cargelligo
November 13th.....	Round Hill and Nombinni to Hay
November 14th.....	Hay Hotspots to Griffith
November 15th.....	Fivebough Swamp to Robertson
November 16th.....	Budderoo NP/Heathlands to Sydney
November 17th.....	Royal NP to Hobart
November 18th.....	Bruny Island and Mainland Tasmania
November 19th.....	Tasman Peninsula
November 20th.....	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 7 guests just had to experience for themselves. This seasons ‘From Top to Bottom’ tour took those guests across a huge variety of habitats, and witnessed some truly lovely species of birds and other animals. This trip is split in four parts; northern Queensland, montane forests of Brisbane, western reaches of Sydney and finally, Tasmania.

As usual, we started up in the tropical region of Cairns and then traveled west of the Kuranda and Gillies Ranges. Here we experienced everything from Sub-tropical Rainforest, Sandy Cays to 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. Birds from the giant Southern Cassowary to the skulking Fernwren were abundant even though the year proved to be quite dry from a recent drought. 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.

Once we landed in Sydney it is all hands on deck. We usually land late 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. In the western reaches of Sydney, we managed some amazing birds in the 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 reaching the outback we circled around and 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

Arrival day does not simply mean meet, greet and eat on this tour. We got started right away, ticking off a nesting **Gray Goshawk** in **Vessey Park**. This has been a good nesting site for this bird the last few years. After this first great success, we ventured over to a local **Papuan Frogmouth** roost where happily, we found the pair sitting nice and pretty for us.

Onward now to the main even for the afternoon. An hour and a half journey south we started 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, Australasian Figbird, Willie Wagtail, Magpie Lark and Common Myna**. It was lovely to get these common birds out of the way but not what we were here to see.



Masked Lapwing - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

We made our way down to [Etty Beach](#) to wait for our main star to appear. While we waited, myself and one guests got on a [Pacific Reef Heron](#) before it took flight and disappeared. We also enjoyed the local [Laughing Kookaburra](#), [Yellow-spotted Honeyeater](#) and the newly named [Sahul Sunbird](#). Though we waited and waited, our main target, the Southern Cassowary never showed... a serious pity but this is the exact reason I do this on the first afternoon. In the rare case we do not find this bird on the first afternoon, we have another chance, so of course, we will try again! We made our way to Innisfail after spotting some [Agile Wallaby](#) feeding in a yard and enjoyed a nice Italian dinner and then made our way back to our hotel in Cairns.

Day 2: Michaelmas Caye and The Great Barrier Reef

Today is always fun. A quick check of the [South End of the Esplanade](#) gave us a few of our shorebird and 'water-bird' targets. Here we picked up; [Varied Honeyeater](#), [Whimbrel](#), [Far Eastern Curlew](#), [Bar-tailed Godwit](#), [Great Knot](#), [Sharp-tailed and Curlew Sandpiper](#), [Terek Sandpiper](#), [Gray-tailed Tattler](#), [Caspian and Australian Tern](#), [Black-necked Stork](#), [Australian Pelican](#) a fly over flock of [Royal Spoonbill](#).

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](#) home. Birds like; [Great and Lesser Frigatebird](#), [Sooty](#), [Bridled](#), [Roseate](#), [Lesser Crested](#), [Great Crested](#), and [Black-naped Tern](#), [Red-footed Booby](#), [Ruddy Turnstone](#), [Brown Booby](#), [Silver Gull](#) and [Brown Noddy](#).



Red-footed Booby - 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 White-tipped Reef 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 we decided to visit [Centenary Lakes](#) for the rest of the afternoon. Here the freshwater and saltwater lakes along with the mangroves and forests held a few new birds for us. Birds like; [Radjah Shelduck](#), [Pacific Black Duck](#), [Australian Brush Turkey](#), [Orange-footed Megapode](#), [Australian Grebe](#), [Rock Pigeon](#), [Fan-tailed Cuckoo](#), [Australian Swiftlet](#), [Plumed Egret](#), [Little Egret](#), [Osprey](#), [Brown Goshawk](#), [Brahminy Kite](#), [Torresian Kingfisher](#), [Dollarbird](#), [Red-tailed Black Cockatoo](#), [Double-eyed Fig Parrot](#), [Scaly-breasted Lorikeet](#), [Yellow Honeyeater](#), [Dusky Myzomela](#), [Helmeted Friarbird](#), [Varied Triller](#), [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](#). Great day all around!



Double-eyed Fig Parrot - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 3: Cairns Hotspots and Sub-Tropical Rainforest to Daintree

Today we started off by hitting the famous [Cairns Esplanade](#). We walked the whole stretch but started off on the [northern end in the mangroves](#). Here we added; [Rose-crowned Fruit Dove](#), [Large-billed Gerygone](#), [Green Oriole](#), [Mangrove Robin](#). All of the big targets checked off, we continued down [the rest of the Esplanade](#). Over the course of the whole boardwalk we added; [Greater Sand Plover](#), [Black-fronted Dotterel](#), [Pied Oystercatcher](#), [Pacific Golden Plover](#), [Little Tern](#), [Australian Tern](#), [Australian Pelican](#) and [Nankeen Night Heron](#).

After the Esplanade, we birded our first section of sub-tropical rainforest. [Lake Morris Road](#) was our destination and thankfully, it did not disappoint. Here we added; [Wompoo Fruit Dove](#), [Rufous Shrike-thrush](#), [Pacific Baza](#), [Victoria's Riflebird](#), [Macleay's](#), and [Cryptic Honeyeater](#), [Dusky Myzomela](#), [Barred Cuckoo-shrike](#), [Fairy Gerygone](#), [Varied Triller](#), [Yellow-breasted Boatbill](#), [Pale-yellow Robin](#), and the ever abundant [Silvereye](#). A pretty sweet haul for our mid-morning birding.



Fairy Gerygone - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

After a quick lunch, we set off for some target chasing. We started with one of my personal favorite photo locations for the **Metallic Starling** in **Mossman**. The colony here is among the lowest I've seen...and what I mean by that is that the nests hang low in the trees which are also easily accessible, have good background opportunities and typically, very cooperative birds. Overall this is just a darn good spot to enjoy these birds!



Metallic Starling - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoop

We left Mossman and continued on towards our final destination in the Daintree. First, we need to make a quick stop off at **Newell Beach**. Here we were surprised with a pair of **Little Curlew** in the farm fields along with the usual **Australian Pipit**. Then, down on the beach itself, the main target, three **Beach Thick-knees**. This was a sweet pick up as sometimes these can be very difficult birds (both of them) - excellent afternoon!

Still trying to find a Little Kingfisher, I popped briefly into [Daintree Ecolodge](#) to see if we could get lucky. Unfortunately, no luck this time but we did run into a cute little [Azure Kingfisher](#), a slithering [Common Tree Snake](#) and a slippery looking [White-lipped Tree Frog](#).

En route to our next stop, we found [Black-faced Cuckooshrike](#) and [Pheasant Coucal](#). The last stop before our hotel was a spot called [Palm Road](#). Here I had hoped to run into a Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher which we did but barely. The bird made very quick fly-bys and called quite a bit but never really perched all that well. We'd have to try this guy again as we couldn't really count it, especially not for everyone. After a stellar meal, we hit the hay, eager to do some river and forest birding the next morning!

Day 4: Daintree Area/Daintree River Cruise to Mareeba

As our cruise wasn't until 9am, we tried again for the Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher with the same sort of luck as before...not good enough yet again. On the way to the ferry a few of us managed to get on a [Pacific Emerald Dove](#). On the ferry itself we had a flyby [Striated Heron](#). After we crossed the ferry, we ventured down [Steward Creek Road](#). This bit of rainforest is often quite good. We struck gold quickly with a [Lovely Fairywren](#), [Pacific Koel](#), [Channel-billed Cuckoo](#), [Mistletoebird](#) and [Tree Martin](#).



Shining Flycatcher (female) - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Shining Flycatcher (male) - 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](#), [Sacred Kingfisher](#), [Great Egret](#), [Shining Flycatcher](#), [Australasian Darter](#), [Great-billed Heron](#), [Little Pied Cormorant](#) and another great sighting of [Papuan Frogmouth](#) and surprise [White-winged Tern](#) that had wandered inland. We also ran into 'Barrat' the massive [Saltwater Crocodile](#) and another [Common Tree Snake](#). Try as we did, we couldn't locate our Little Kingfisher.

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](#), [Black-faced](#), [Spectacled](#) and [Pied Monarch](#), and our last fruit dove, the [Superb Fruit Dove](#). And finally, with all of our effort we managed to get everyone on great looks of a [Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher](#)...talk about a lot of work for one species!



Pied Monarch - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Once we finished up here we made a quick stop off at [Abattoir Swamp](#) where we picked up; [Northern Fantail](#), [Brown-backed Honeyeater](#), [Rufous Whistler](#), [Striated Pardalote](#) and a super sweet pair of [Black-chinned Honeyeaters](#). Continuing on to our next stop, [Pickford Road](#). Nothing all that new here so we pressed on. On the way to our main birding destination, we found ourselves in the company of two [Wedge-tailed Eagle](#)...perched beautifully in the afternoon sun. A real treat. Now at [Granite Gorge Nature Park](#), we enjoyed the healthy variety of birds in this drier eucalypt type habitat. Birds like; [Scaly-breasted Lorikeet](#), [Noisy](#) and [Little Friarbird](#), [Peaceful Dove](#), [White-bellied Cuckooshrike](#), [Crested](#) and [Squatter Pigeon](#), [Laughing Kookaburra](#), and [Pale-headed Rosella](#) were all enjoying the flowering trees around the park. One of the fun highlights here are the [Mareeba Rock Wallabies](#). A habituated but still fully wild group of animals that will literally eat out of your hand.



Wedge-tailed Eagle - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

On the way out of the park, we managed to catch up with **Chestnut-breasted Munia**. As the sun really started to set, we made one last play for a difficult Australasian robin species. We arrived at **Jack Bethel Park** and with a little bit of work and some great spotting by a guest, we managed to get everyone on a **White-browed Robin**. A great end to the day...but was it?! After a nice Thai dinner in downtown Mareeba, I offered a night excursion and nearly everyone decided to take it. A quick visit (and I mean that literally - probably the quickest I have ever found this bird) to **Davies Creek** gave us some cracking views at **Australian Owlet Nightjar** and my reliable **Barn Owl** was hunting in its usual field. Now that, was a great end to the day.

Day 5: The Northern Tablelands around Mt. Lewis

Today we had another big day...as if we have anything other than that...but anyway today we left early and started by birding **Pickford Road**. This time was much better. We picked up **Red-backed Fairywren**, **Lemon-bellied Flyrobin**, **Australian Hobby**, **Blue-winged and Laughing Kookaburra**, **Whistling Kite**, **Golden-headed Cisticola**, and **Fairy Martin**. We also ran into a **Leaden Flycatcher** and some boxing **Eastern Gray Kangaroo** and more **Agile Wallaby**.



Laughing Kookaburra - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

After a fairly successful stop here, I decided on a whim to stop off at the [Rifle Creek Rest Stop](#). A decent move as we picked up one of the harder doves, a [White-headed Pigeon](#). We also got some quick looks at [White-throated Honeyeater](#) (better looks to come later).

Now for a tricky bird. We stopped off at '[The Patch Opposite of Sides Road](#)' where we were delighted to pick up a nice male [Superb Fruit Dove](#), [Brown Cuckoo Dove](#), [Little Bronze Cuckoo](#) and the target species...the [Blue-faced Parrotfinch](#).



Brown Cuckoo Dove - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

We had one more stop to make before our primary location for the morning. Mt. Lewis needs a little time to ‘warm-up’ so we killed a few more minutes and visited [McDougal Road and Ponds](#). Here we picked up, [Gray Teal](#), [Comb-crested Jacana](#), [Pacific Heron](#), [Buff-banded Rail](#) and a surprise [White-browed Crake](#).

Now for our main event of the morning. We arrived at “[The Clearing to Dam Track](#)” on [Mt. Lewis](#) at a great time. Our first bird here was a big time target, the migratory [Satin Flycatcher](#). We also picked up [Gray and Rufous Fantail](#) just by the parking area.

We began our roughly 2-mile walk along the trail and immediately began picking up some great species. On the way to our final stopping point on the trail, we picked up; [Lewin’s and Bridled Honeyeater](#), [Spotted Catbird](#), [Fernwren](#), [Chowchilla](#), [Atherton and Large-billed Scrubwren](#), [Bower’s Shrike-thrush](#), [Golden Whistler](#), [Topknot Pigeon](#), [White-browed and Yellow-throated Scrubwren](#). We even ran into a little [Musky Rat Kangaroo](#).



Fernwren - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Now it was time for the main event. At just over 2-miles down the trail, we arrived at the staging area for a stunning bird...the [Golden Bowerbird](#). Here we enjoyed watching a beautiful male bounce from perch to perch, calling and displaying. We even got to witness him coming down to his bower to place some fresh lichen down. A very cool and privileged experience for sure.

We had a nice meal at [The Continental Hotel in Mt. Molloy](#) where we picked up our first of many [Red-browed Firetail](#). After lunch we continued towards [East Mary Road](#) where we picked up [Australian Bustard](#).

Finally it was time for the main location of the afternoon, [Mt. Carbine RV Park](#). In this dry forested area we picked up some great new birds like; [Tawny Frogmouth](#), [Torresian Crow](#), [Red-tailed Black Cockatoo](#), [Galah](#), [Apostlebird](#), [Great Bowerbird](#), [Pied Butcherbird](#), [Australian Magpie](#), [Blue-winged Kookaburra](#), [Red-winged Parrot](#), and [Blue-faced Honeyeater](#). One last stop at the [Mareeba Golf Course](#) gave us another shot at some [Eastern Gray Kangaroos](#) and a pretty sweet [Brush Cuckoo](#).



Pied Butcherbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 6: The Southern Tablelands around Hypipamee National Park

Today is one of my favorite days mammal wise. We have three awesome mammals to find and of course, some stunning birds. On the road early we spotted a group of **Sarus Crane** in a agricultural field. Our first real stop 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 and Marsh Sandpiper, Comb-crested Jacana, Pied Stilt, Little Black Cormorant, Pacific Heron, Royal Spoonbill, Yellow-faced and White-cheeked Honeyeater, Eastern-yellow Robin, Shining Bronze Cuckoo, Scarlet Myzomela, Dollarbird, and Olive-backed Oriole**. One of the biggest surprises came while we were leaving Hasties and that was the super **Squared-tailed Kite**...terrific bird!

Our next stop was **Hypipamee National Park**. I was pretty shocked how quiet this park was this morning but we did end up gathering the last few species we needed. Those were; **Mountain Thornbill, Gray-headed Robin and Brown Gerygone**.



Gray-headed Robin - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

After Hypipamee, we went for a bit of a target chase. We visited a little [pond at the intersection of Curtain Fig Tree road](#). Here we found [Cotton Pygmy Goose](#), [Tawny Grassbird](#) and [Chestnut-breasted Munia](#).

After some sweet success here, we moved on to [Wandea “Bluff” State Forest](#). Here the dry eucalypt forest gave away; [Brown and White-throated Treecreeper](#), [Little Lorikeet](#), [Noisy Miner](#), [Fuscous and Yellow-tinted Honeyeater](#), [Gray Shrike-thrush](#), [Dusky Woodswallow](#) and for a few of us, a beautiful [Crested Shrike-tit](#). For those who didn't see this bird this time around, we'd get some great looks later in the tour. On the way out of the state forest, we found a great group of [Brolga](#).



White-throated Treecreeper - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

We then ventured over to [Lake Barrine](#) for a nice afternoon walk around the lake. On the way over we ran into our first of many **Black-shouldered Kites** and once we arrived at the lake, we managed to see; **Great-crested Grebe, Tooth-billed Bowerbird, Pied Currawong, Spectacled and White-eared Monarch, Spotted Catbird**. A top mammal highlight here was another cute little **Musky Rat Kangaroo**.

Now that it was nearing sunset, we had a very important appointment to keep. We hustled over to [Peterson Creek “Allumbah Pocket”](#). Here we have three targets and I am stoked to report that we found all three. We started off with a pair of **Lumholtz’s Tree Kangaroo**, then a colony of **Spectacled Flying Fox** and finally, an amazing experience with a **Duck-billed Platypus**. Stupendous afternoon!

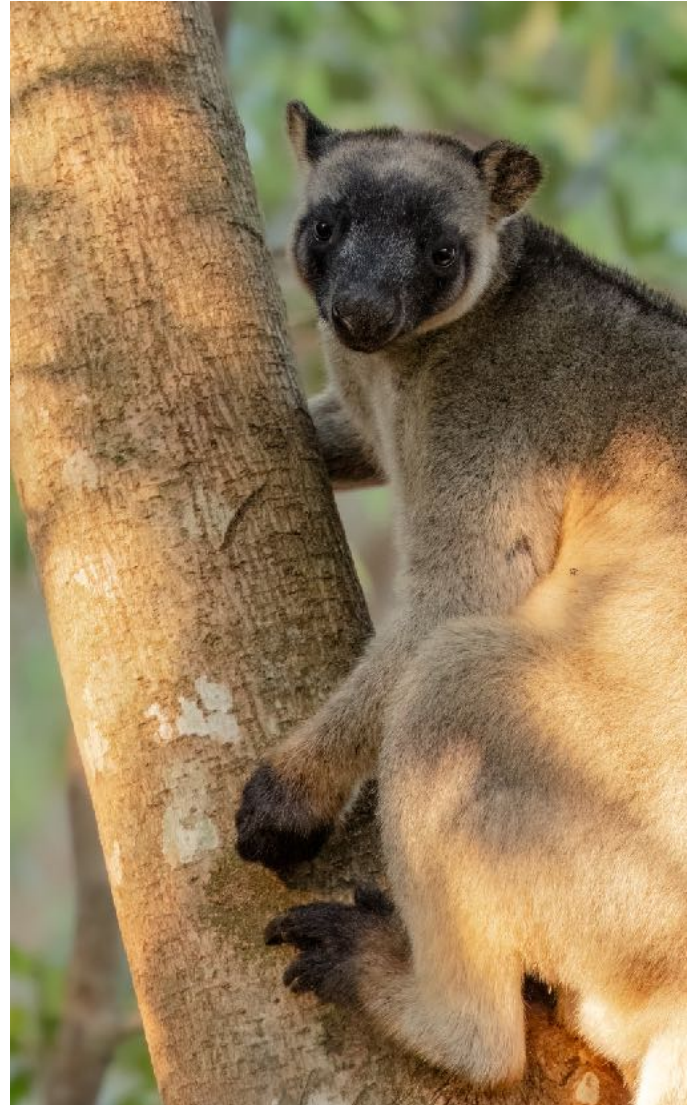


Duck-billed Platypus - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Our final event for the day is to visit the honey feeder at [Chambers Lodge in Crater Lakes](#). This is all night mammals and we got some cool ones. We managed; **Kreffft’s Glider, Striped Possum, Long-nosed Bandicoot and Fawn-footed Malomys**. While we enjoying these mammals, I heard a **Southern Boobook** give off his unmistakable call so when everyone was ready, we enjoyed some nice views of this stunning owl. Then, off to bed!



Krefft's Glider - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroo - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 7: Target Chasing Around Cairns

Today's plan is simple...target chase. We spend the day going to various locations to target northern Queensland birds and we do this as fast as possible to get as many as possible. We started with an early morning around [Chambers Lodge](#) but didn't add anything new. Just more great looks at [Spotted Catbird](#) and a [Pacific Emerald Dove](#) for a few people. Next up, we traveled over to [Centenary Lakes](#). Here we picked up [Black Bittern](#), [Glossy Ibis](#), [Shining Bronze Cuckoo](#) and [Pale-vented Bush-hen](#). Next up, a quick stop at [Cattana Wetlands](#) to pick up an easy [Green Pygmy Goose](#), [Common Greenshank](#) and a slightly more difficult [Crimson Finch](#). Then it was back to the [Cairns Esplanade](#) to grab; [Pacific Reef Heron](#), [Black-tailed Godwit](#), [Red-necked Stint](#) (for a few), [Red-capped Plover](#) and [Red-kneed Dotterel](#).

Continuing on with our afternoon we head back down south...remember that giant bird and indeed HUGE target we missed on the first day? How could you not...neither did I nor the guests...so round two! Let's do it. We made our way down to [Etty Bay](#) once more. This time I used the strategy of literally driving back and forth as not to put all of our eggs in one basket. And this time...it paid off. We were able to have a unique experience with a [Southern Cassowary](#) hanging out in a persons yard. We watched as their tiny child ran around nearly naked by this monstrous beast of a bird. What a hoot! A weird experience with a weird bird and a huge weight lifted. On this stretch of road while everyone was photographing the cassowary, I heard a [Gray Whistler](#), something I thought we were going to miss but luckily, he came right down for everyone to get a great view of him. Incredibly successful day of target chasing deserved an excellent dinner so we grabbed some Italian and then hit the road for our long drive back to Carins. The day was not over. I asked if anyone wanted to go chase a Rufous Owl in nearby [Les Davies Park](#) (and by nearby I mean 2-minutes) - almost all said yes and within about 5-minutes, we had ourselves a juvenile and adult [Rufous Owl](#). What a lovely evening and end to the northern Queensland section of this tour.



Rufous Owl - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 8: Cairns to O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat via Hotspots around Brisbane

After a very early flight out of Cairns, we land in Brisbane and after picking up our rental vehicle, we made our way to [Nudgee Beach "Waterhole"](#). We didn't pick up too many new birds here but we did add; [Dusky Moorhen](#), [Great Cormorant](#), and a cool [Eastern Water Dragon](#).

We then 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.

Next up, a short trip over to [Minissippi Wetlands](#) to get our first taste of some new wetland species. Those included; [Baillon's Crake](#), [Black Swan](#) and [Maned Duck](#) and an incredible spot by a guest of a [Latham's Snipe](#). In the woodland nearby we managed to hit our two main targets; [Variegated Fairywren](#) and [Gray Butcherbird](#).



Koala - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Now it was time for a date with a superb mammal. We entered [Whites Hill Park](#) and were elated to find six (6) [Koala](#) not far from the parking lot...so cool!! A quick check at a local roost allowed us some great views of an adult and juvenile [Powerful Owl](#).



Marbled Frogmouth - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

On the way [up the hill towards O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat](#), we bagged the two biggest bird targets, the [Glossy Black Cockatoo](#), and [Bell Miner](#). We also got some cool 'other-animals' like [Red-necked and Whip-tailed Wallaby](#), [Gray-headed Flying Fox](#) and [Lace Monitor Lizard](#). I like to arrive at [O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat](#) just as the sun starts to get real low to try and grab some thrushes on the road. One quick flyby hardly satisfied so we'd check for both thrushes a bit later. I like to try for the night targets the first night, just in case we need another night (same concept as with the Southern Cassowary). Happily, we nailed our main target, the [Marbled Frogmouth](#). We also managed to see [Common Ringtail](#) and [Mountain Brush-tailed Possum](#).

Day 9: O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat

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](#), [Russet-tailed and Bassian Thrush](#), [Crimson Rosella](#), [Australian King Parrot](#), [White-browed and Yellow-throated Scrubwren](#), [Shining Bronze Cuckoo](#), [Wonga Pigeon](#), [Eastern Spinebill](#), [White-throated Treecreeper](#) and [Brown Thornbill](#). Not to mention a cool [Coastal Carpet Python](#)!



Eastern Spinebill - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 10: O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat to Brisbane to Sydney to Lithgow

We had a few hours to spend in the morning around O'Reilly's but it was so foggy we hardly saw anything worth mentioning. We then made a quick trip back north to catch our flight to Sydney. Once we landed in Sydney we had a two plus hour drive to Lithgow. There wasn't much seen today that was noteworthy as it was mostly a travel day. What was somewhat notable was a **Peregrine Falcon** that was seen circling while we were waiting for our airport shuttle. 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.

Day 11: Lithgow Hotspots, Capertee Valley and Hotspots towards Forbes

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**, **Eastern Rosella**, **European Goldfinch**, **Red Wattlebird**, **Yellow-rumped Thornbill**, **Little Raven**, **Australian Reed Warbler**, **European Starling**, **Eurasian Blackbird** and **Western Gray Kangaroo**.



White-winged Cough - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot

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; [Spotted Pardalote](#), [Weebill](#), [White-browed Woodswallow](#), [Restless Flycatcher](#), [White-winged Chough](#), [White-plumed Honeyeater](#), [Rufous Songlark](#), [White-throated Gerygone](#), [White-browed Babbler](#), [Diamond Firetail](#), [Jacky-winter](#), [Crested Shrike-tit](#), [Hooded Robin](#), [Rufous Whistler](#), [Sacred Kingfisher](#), [Red-rumped Parrot](#) and [Brown Quail](#).



White-plumed Honeyeater - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot

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](#). Afterwards we journeyed over to [Eusdale Reserve](#) to try our luck for a very cool treecreeper that we had missed in O'Reilly's. This time though, we nailed it. The striking [Red-browed Treecreeper](#). We also had some much better looks at [White-naped Honeyeater](#). One of our last stops for the day was in a place called [Gosling Creek Reserve](#). Here was our best chance for my personal favorite parrot species on the whole tour. It didn't take long for us to locate our first views of the mighty [Superb Parrot](#). We also got some great looks at [White-winged Triller](#) around the lake. We were still pretty far from our hotel so it really was time to go. We packed up and headed for our hotel and dinner. On way we spotted several [European Rabbit](#) and [Eastern Bearded Dragon](#).



Red-browed Treecreeper - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot

Day 12: Cunnamulla Area (Full-on Outback Birding)

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](#), [White-eared Honeyeater](#), [Brown-headed Honeyeater](#), [Speckled Warbler](#), [Western Gerygone](#), [Southern Whiteface](#), [Australian Raven](#), [Red-capped Robin](#) and for our 'other animals' we added [European Hare](#) and a stunning [Swamp \(Black\) Wallaby](#).

Next up was another species chase plain and simple. I saw that a Red-backed Kingfisher had been reported at the [Forbes Cemetery](#). This is a tough bird for this itinerary so we had to give it a shot. While driving around, I looked at two large birds in a tree, turned away and then said out-loud, “Hang-on...no freaking way...” Sure enough, three [Ground Cuckooshrike](#) were perched up pretty right there in front of us, just staring! This is not an easy bird so I was stoked to see them again and to get them for the group.



Ground Cuckooshrike - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Throughout the cemetery we found lots of [Sacred Kingfisher](#) but no red-backed...oh, well. We'd end up missing this bird for the trip but hey, can't catch them all. While in the cemetery, we also added [Yellow-throated Miner](#) to our list.

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 thoroughly before we ventured off for another cockatoo hunt. Before I move on, it is worth noting we also enjoyed some great views of [Common Long-necked Turtle](#) at this swamp.

The afternoon was exceptionally windy. We spent the first part of it enjoying a flock of **Pink {Major Mitchells (a way better name)} Cockatoo** in **McCann Park**. We also had some nice views of **White-faced Heron** before we continued towards our hotel. The afternoon just kept getting windier so our time in **West Wyalong STP and Rotary Park** was relatively uneventful. Everything we saw here we'd see a lot better down the road so I will wait to report on those.

Day 13: Outback Mallee to Hay

The areas of **Round Hill Reserve and Nombinni Reserve** are our only areas of pure Mallee that we visit on this tour. We spend as much time in this environment as possible, but even the 4-hrs or so I try to spend here really isn't enough. In those hours, we managed to pick up lots of new species like; **Emu, Chestnut Quail-Thrush, Pallid Cuckoo, Shy Heathwren, Southern Scrub Robin, Splendid Fairywren, White-fronted, Spiny-cheeked, Singing, Striped, Gray-fronted and Yellow-plumed Honeyeaters, Australian Ringneck (Mallee), Masked Woodswallow** and to round it all out, some nice big **Red Kangaroos**.



Emu - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

On our way back to town, we stopped at a spot colloquially known as “Chat Alley”. Here we did indeed grab a few chats and in total, we picked up; **Orange and White-fronted Chat**, **White-winged Fairywren**, **Brown Falcon** and the adorable little **Zebra Finch**.

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**, **Black-faced Woodswallow**, **Brown Songlark**, **Singing Bushlark**, **Banded Lapwing**, **Swamp Harrier**, **Stubble Quail**, **Red-chested and Little Buttonquail** and the monotypic highlight of the evening, the **Plains Wanderer**.



Plains Wanderer - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 14: Area around Hay to Hotspots around Griffith

Our next stop was in [Darlington Point](#). I typically drive around here until I find our target. This time as it was last time, was quite easy. We ran into a small group of [Long-billed Corella](#) feeding in a random grassy field. Alongside them we also had a surprise group of [Superb Parrot](#). Unexpected and very nice! Next up was a great area I have had a lot of luck with in the past called [McCann Road](#). Here we were treated to our first [Shingleback Lizard](#)! We also managed to get the primary honeyeater target for this area and one of my personal favorites, the [Painted Honeyeater](#) along with [Purple-backed Fairywren](#), [Double-barred Finch](#) and [Little Crow](#).



Painted Honeyeater - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Nearby [Lake Wynagan](#) held some nice additional birds for our list like; [Chestnut Teal](#), [Pied Cormorant](#), and [Australian Pelican](#).

The rest of the afternoon was spent in [Binya State Forest](#) near Griffith. It was pretty slow and unfortunately we just could not locate our main target, the [Turquoise Parrot](#) but we did add another family when we sighted a solo [Varied Sittella](#). We also saw [Gray-crowned Babbler](#) and a stunning male [Mulga Parrot](#).

Day 15: Fivebough Swamp and other Hotspots around Griffith

Today we visit so many different habitats. Everything from trace amounts of Mulga to caravan parks. Most of the birds on today's list are things we have seen before but we added some new birds right off the bat by starting in [Fivebough Wetlands](#). Here we found; [Australian](#), [Baillon's](#) and [Spotless Crakes](#), [Red-necked Avocet](#), [Red-kneed Dotterel](#), [Whiskered Tern](#), [Little Grassbird](#), [Golden-headed Cisticola](#), and a very cool [Red-bellied Black Snake](#).



Australian Crake - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot

We 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 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](#) and getting two great mammals, the [Common Wombat](#) and the [Rusa](#).

Day 16: Budderoo and Barren Grounds National Park/Royal National Park to Sydney

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 most of our targets which included; [Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo](#), [Southern Emu Wren](#), [New Holland Honeyeater](#), [Eastern Bristlebird](#) and we finally caught up with a [Horsfield’s Bronze Cuckoo](#).



Southern Emu Wren - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Our second location for the day was [Barren Grounds](#). Overall, I was exceptionally shocked at how quiet this spot was. On the way in we nabbed another view of [Superb Lyrebird](#). Once we were in the park itself, we saw very little. The only new bird for us here was [Little Wattlebird](#), a bird we’d see a lot of in Tasmania so overall, a slightly disappointing 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; [Wedge-tailed Shearwater](#), [Short-tailed Shearwater](#) and [Fluttering Shearwater](#). The rocks supported a pair of [Sooty Oystercatcher](#) and a few [Australasian Gannets](#) kept us entertained as we watched them dive on the helpful fish below.

Into [Royal National Park](#) we go and boy-o'-boy was it windy! I mean....yikes! We started off by visiting [Fig Tree Flat](#). The extreme winds didn't help and we really only managed some better views of [Topknot Pigeon](#).

It was so windy that while on the [Wattamulla Coastal Track](#), one of the first birds we saw was a [Short-tailed Shearwater](#) resting in the bay. The gentle waterfalls across that very same bay were no longer 'falling' but instead, rising! So anyway, with this extreme wind we did our best but really didn't managed much except a really quick glimpse of [Chestnut-rumped Heathwren](#) for a few people.



Topknot Pigeon - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 17: Royal National Park to Sydney Airport to Hobart

This morning we had some work to do. We returned to [Royal National Park](#). Still quite windy but much less so this time. We visited the same areas again and this time we were largely successful in picking up some of our missing species. We located; [Common Cicadabird](#), [Rock Warbler](#) and [Brush Bronzewing](#).

After a quick flight to Hobart, we picked up our van and immediately picked up our first new bird and first of twelve (12) Tasmanian endemics, the [Tasmanian Nativehen](#). These guys just run around everywhere and is usually the first one we find regardless! After a nice dinner, most of the group decided to have a little night session over at the [Waterworks Reserve](#). Here we found our main target, the [Tasmanian Boobook](#) along with another [Tawny Frogmouth](#), [Common Brush-tailed Possum](#), [Common Ring-tailed Possum](#), [Bennet's Wallaby](#) and [Rufous-bellied Pademelon](#).



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

Day 18: Bruny Island and Tasman Peninsula, Tasmania

Today was our day on [Bruny Island](#). You can get all 12 endemics on Bruny Island and in just about 5-hours, 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](#), [Blue-winged Parrot](#), [Forest Raven](#), [Dusky Robin](#), [Yellow-throated Honeyeater](#), [Green Rosella](#), [Swift Parrot](#), and an absolutely stunning display from a [Scarlet Robin](#).



Scarlet Robin - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

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!

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 a sparkling bay, it was now time to go and find the hardest targets on Bruny. We drove up the bumpy and slick **Mount Mangana Road** with hopes of nailing more of our Tasmanian targets. Luckily, everyone one of them was pretty cooperative this time around so we picked up; **Crescent and Strong-billed Honeyeaters**, **Pink Robin**, **Tasmanian Scrubwren** and no matter how hard I tried I could not find the Scrubtit... but I have a few other spots to check for this bird. Before leaving Bruny we found several **Short-beaked Echidna**..our very last epic mammal!



Crescent Honeyeater - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Now back on the mainland we kept going east as we had a very important and special appointment with a cool bird. But first, a stop-off at [Sedbury Creek and Saltmarsh](#). Here we found loads **White-fronted Chats** and what used to be a very hit or miss bird, a pair of **Striated Fieldwren**.

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.



Musk Lorikeet - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Day 19: Tasman Peninsula

Today is the last day of the tour and as such is plainly a target grab. As many species as possible kind of day. En route to our location we found a lone **Australian Shelduck** in a random pond. The real birding started the group off in **Sedbury Saltmarsh** to see if we could find a Lewin's Rail. No luck there so we moved on to our next stop. On the way, I noticed some 'small-tailed' parakeets flying by which pretty much had to be our next target. As soon as I got out (it had now started to rain!) I heard the call of the our bird, the **Musk Lorikeet**. Another one down...excellent!

We arrived at our next location, **Eaglehawk Neck National Park** "Devil's Kitchen and "The Blowhole". In these two spots I had a few targets in mind and we managed a good majority of them but not all, which is unfortunate but we still managed; **Yellow Wattlebird, Flame Robin, Tasmanian Scrubwren and Crescent Honeyeater**.



Flame Robin - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

We then traveled east towards Sanford where I had intended to go all the way to Rushy Lagoon but on the drive [somewhere near Sanford](#), I spotted our target just a few miles from our destination. A lone [Cape Barren Goose](#) was sitting calmly in the grass by some random ranch pond. We ventured towards Mount Wellington, and once we arrived at [“The Springs” - Mount Wellington](#), we got to work. I needed two birds here so I went towards the best habitat and within a few minutes we had one of our birds, a pair of [Olive Whistlers](#). 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 I was even able to get my first photo of the skulking [Scrubtit](#). A quick trip to the [Waterworks Reserve](#) turned out to be rather fruitful. In only about 5-minutes I heard and then saw [Gray Currawong](#), a species I had missed the previous day so it was really nice to pick this species up. A short stop at [Brown’s River Estuary and Marsh](#) gave us a 95% pure [Mallard](#) which we all agreed...was close enough to check off. And finally, a quick drive through the [neighborhoods in Hobart](#) to round out our day gave us our very last introduced species, the [European Greenfinch](#).

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.



Scrubtit - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

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

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

Guests Top 5 Favorite Birds

1. Southern Cassowary ——— Red-chested Buttonquail
2. Plain's Wanderer ——— Scrubtit
3. Satin Bowerbird ——— Painted Honeyeater
4. Emu ——— Ground Cuckooshrike
5. Paradise Riflebird ——— Red-browed Treecreeper

Guests Top 5 'Other Animals'

1. Duck-billed Platypus ——— Striped Possum
2. Koala ——— Duck-billed Platypus
3. Spectacled Flying Fox ——— Koala
4. Eastern Gray Kangaroo ——— Krefft's Glider
5. Shingleback Lizard ——— Common Wombat

Trip List of Birds and “Other Animal” Species

List Summary:

- 421 Bird species seen by group
- 001 Birds species seen by guide only
- 422 Birds total species seen on tour

- 050 ‘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	
Cape Barren Goose (E)	Near Rushy Lagoon in Sanford	
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	
Cotton Pygmy-Goose	Seen in a pond at the intersection of Curtain Fig Tree Road	
Maned Duck (E)	Various locations on tour	
Mallard	Brown’s River Estuary and Marsh	
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	
Pheasants, Grouse, Allies: Phasianidae		
Stubble Quail	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Brown Quail	Seen briefly in the Capertee Valley	
Grebes: Podicipedidae		
Australasian Grebe	Various locations on tour	
Hoary-headed Grebe	Various locations on tour	
Great Crested Grebe	Lake Barrine in the Tablelands	
Pigeons and Doves: Columbidae		
Rock Pigeon	Various locations on tour	
White-headed Pigeon (E)	Northern Tablelands en route to Mt. Lewis	
Spotted Dove	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	Best views at the patch opposite of Sides Road	
Pacific Emerald Dove	Mt Lewis and Chambers Lodge	
Common Bronzewing (E)	Best views in Back-Yama State Forest	
Brush Bronzewing (E)	Royal NP	
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	
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)	Best views in Royal National Park	
Bustards: Otididae		
Australian Bustard	East Mary Farms Road	
Cuckoos: Cuculidae		
Pheasant Coucal	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Pacific Koel	Daintree River Cruise	
Channel-billed Cuckoo	Steward Creek Road, Daintree	
Little Bronze Cuckoo	Best views at the patch opposite of Sides Road	
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo	Budderoo Fire Trail	
Shining Bronze Cuckoo	O'Reilly's and Centenary Lakes	
Pallid Cuckoo	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Various locations on tour	
Brush Cuckoo	Mareeba Golf Course	
Frogmouths: Podargidae		
Tawny Frogmouth (E)	Mt Carbine and Waterworks Reserve in Tasmania	
Marbled Frogmouth	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Papuan Frogmouth	Known (but private) roost in Cairns	
Owlet-Nightjar: Aegothelidae		

Australian Owlet-Nightjar	Davies Creek near Mareeba	
Swifts: Apodidae		
Australian Swiftlet (E)	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Rails, Gallinules and Coots: Rallidae		
Buff-banded Rail	Various locations on tour	
Pale-vented Bush-hen	Centenary Lakes	
White-browed Crake	McDougal Road Ponds	
Australian Crake (E)	Fivebough Swamp was the best location for this bird	
Spotless Crake	Fivebough Swamp	
Baillon's Crake	Fivebough Swamp was the best location for this bird	
Australasian Swampphen	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	Near Wandecle state forest	
Sarus Crane	Seen en route to Hypipamee National Park in the 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)	Fivebough Swamp	
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	
Banded Lapwing (E)	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Masked Lapwing	Various locations on tour	
Greater Sand Plover	Cairns Esplanade	
Red-capped Plover	Cairns Esplanade	
Red-kneed Dotterel	Fivebough Swamp was the best location for this bird	
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	Continuing birds in Cairns sports complex	
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	
Curlew Sandpiper	Cairns Esplanade	
Red-necked Stint	Cairns Esplanade	
Terek Sandpiper	Cairns Esplanade	
Gray-tailed Tattler	Cairns Esplanade	

Latham's Snipe	Minnippi Wetlands	
Common Greenshank	Cattana Wetlands	
Marsh Sandpiper	Hasties Swamp	
Buttonquail: Turnicidae		
Painted Buttonquail	Seen near Round Hill	
Little Buttonquail	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Red-chested Buttonquail	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
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	Fivebough Swamp	
White-winged Tern	Daintree River Cruise	
Roseate Tern	Michaelmas Caye	
Black-naped Tern	Michaelmas Caye	
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 and Royal NP	
Fluttering Shearwater	Bass Point	

Wedge-tailed Shearwater	Bass Point	
Storks: Ciconiidae		
Black-necked Stork	Cairns Esplanade and Cattana Wetlands	
Frigatebirds: Fregatidae		
Great Frigatebird	Michaelmas Caye	
Lesser 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	Centenary Lakes	
Pacific (White-necked) Heron (E)	Hasties Swamp	
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	First seen at Etty Bay and then Seen Flying by at the Cairns Esplanade	
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	Centenary Lakes	
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 Fivebough Swamp	
Osprey: Pandionidae		
Osprey	Various locations on tour	
Hawks, Eagles and Kites: Accipitridae		
Black-shouldered Kite (E)	Various locations on tour	
Square-tailed Kite (E)	Outside of Hasties Swamp	
Little Eagle (E)	Seen while driving on a major freeway towards Sydney - all guests asleep (Guide Only)	
Pacific Baza	Best views in White Hill Park	
Wedge-tailed Eagle	Best views just outside of Granite Gorge Nature Park	
Swamp Harrier	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Gray Goshawk (E)	Vessey Park, Cairns	
Brown Goshawk	Various locations on tour	
Collared Sparrowhawk	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Black Kite	Various locations on tour	
Whistling Kite	Various locations on tour	
Brahminy Kite	Various locations in Northern Queensland	

White-bellied Sea Eagle	Etty Bay and Royal National Park	
Barn Owls: Tytonidae		
Barn Owl	Davies Creek near Mareeba	
Owls: Strigidae		
Rufous Owl	Les Davies Park in Cairns	
Powerful Owl (E)	White Hill Park	
Southern 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	
Forest Kingfisher	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Sacred Kingfisher	Various locations on tour	
Torresian Kingfisher	Northern Esplanade Mangroves and Centenary Lakes	
Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher	Best views on Carr Road	
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	Best views were on Pickford Road near Mareeba	
Brown Falcon	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Peregrine Falcon	Best views in Gum Swamp	
Cockatoos: Cacatuidae		

Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (E)	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Glossy Black Cockatoo (E)	Road up to O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo (E)	Best views on north Bruny Island	
Pink (Major Mitchell's) Cockatoo (E)	McCann Park	
Galah (E)	Various locations on tour	
Long-billed Corella (E)	Darlington Point	
Little Corella	Various locations on tour	
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Various locations on tour	
Cockatiel (E)	Gum Swamp	
Old World Parrots: Psittaculidae		
Superb Parrot (E)	Best views in Darlington Point	
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)	North Bruny Island, 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)	Mt. Carbine	
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	Centenary Lakes and Cairns Esplanade (south)	
Musk Lorikeet (E)	Seen in-between Sedbury Creek Marsh and Pirates Bay in Tasmania	
Little Lorikeet (E)	Wandecle "Bluff" State Park	
Rainbow Lorikeet	Various locations on tour	

Scaly-breasted Lorikeet (E)	Various locations on tour	
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)	Best views at Chambers Lodge	
Green Catbird (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Tooth-billed Bowerbird (E)	Lake Barrine in the Tablelands	
Golden Bowerbird (E)	Mt. Lewis Dam to Clearing Track	
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)	Best views in Wandecula "Bluff" State Park	
Brown Treecreeper (E)	Wandecula "Bluff" State Park	
Red-browed Treecreeper (E)	Eusdale Reserve	
Fairywrens: Maluridae		
Southern Emu-wren	Budderoo Fire Trail	
Lovely Fairywren (E)	Steward Creek Road, Daintree	
Purple-backed Fairywren (E)	Best views on McCann Road	
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	

Honeyeaters: Meliphagidae		
Eastern Spinebill (E)	Various locations on tour	
Yellow-spotted Honeyeater (E)	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Lewin's Honeyeater (E)	Various locations on tour	
Cryptic Honeyeater	Lake Morris Road	
Yellow Honeyeater (E)	Cairns Esplanade	
White-fronted Honeyeater (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Yellow-faced Honeyeater (E)	Hasties 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)	Forbes Cemetery	
Bridled Honeyeater (E)	Mt Lewis Dam to Clearing Track	
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Little Wattlebird (E)	All over Tasmania and Barren Grounds	
Red Wattlebird (E)	Lithgow Sewage Ponds	
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	Abbattoir Swamp	
Orange Chat (E)	"Chat Alley"	
White-fronted Chat (E)	"Chat Alley"	

Dusky Myzomela	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Scarlet Myzomela (E)	Hasties Swamp	
Brown Honeyeater	Lake Morris Road and Abattoir Swamp	
Crescent Honeyeater (E)	The Devils Kitchen in Tasmania	
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	Pickford Road and Rifle Rest Area	
White-naped Honeyeater (E)	Best views were in Eusdale Reserve	
Black-headed Honeyeater (TE)	North Bruny Island, Tasmania	
Brown-headed Honeyeater (E)	Back-Yama State Forest	
Black-chinned Honeyeater (E)	Abbattoir Swamp	
Strong-billed Honeyeater (TE)	Mount Mangana Road, Bruny Island Tasmania	
Macleay's Honeyeater (E)	Lake Morris Road and Hypipamee NP	
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)	Various locations on tour	
Forty-spotted Pardalote (TE)	North Bruny Island, Tasmania	
Striated Pardalote (E)	Various locations on tour	
Bristlebirds: Dasyornithidae		

Eastern Bristlebird (E)	Budderoo Fire Trail	
Thornbills and Allies: Acanthizidae		
Fernwren (E)	Mt. Lewis Dam to Clearing Track	
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. Lewis Dam to Clearing Track	
Large-billed Scrubwren (E)	Mt. Lewis and Mt. Hypipamee	
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	
Mountain Thornbill (E)	Mt. Hypipamee	
Brown Thornbill (E)	Various locations on tour	
Tasmanian Thornbill (TE)	Various locations on Tasmania	
Inland Thornbill (E)	Back-Yama State Forest	
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)	Capertee Valley	
Fairy Gerygone	Lake Morris Road	
White-throated Gerygone	Capertee Valley	
Large-billed Gerygone	Cairns Esplanade north mangroves	
Brown Gerygone (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	

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	Binya State Forest	
White-browed Babbler (E)	Capertee Valley	
Logrunners: Orthonychidae		
Australian Logrunner (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Chowchilla (E)	Mt. Lewis Dam to Clearing Track	
Quail-Thrushes: Cinclosomatidae		
Chestnut Quail-thrush (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Cuckooshrikes: Campephagidae		
Ground Cuckooshrike	Forbes Cemetery	
Barred Cuckooshrike	Lake Morris Road and Hypipamee NP	
Black-faced Cuckooshrike	Various locations on tour	
White-bellied Cuckooshrike	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
White-winged Triller	Gosling Creek Park	
Varied Triller	Lake Morris Road	
Common Cicadabird	Royal National Park	
Sitellas: Neosittidae		
Varied Sitella	Binya State Forest	
Whipbirds and Wedgebills: Psophodidae		
Eastern Whipbird (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Shrike-tit: Falcunculidae		
Crested Shrike-tit (E)	Wandecle "Bluff" State Park, Capertee Valley, Gum Swamp	
Whistlers and Allies: Pachycephalidae		
Rufous Shrikethrush	Various locations in Northern Queensland	

Gray Shrikethrush	Various locations on tour	
Bower's Shrikethrush (E)	Mt. Lewis Dam to Clearing Track	
Olive Whistler (E)	Mount Wellington "The Springs"	
Golden Whistler (E)	Various locations on tour	
Gray Whistler	Etty Bay Road	
Rufous Whistler	Various locations on tour	
Old World Orioles: Oriolidae		
Olive-backed Oriole	Wandecle "Bluff" State Park	
Green (Yellow) Oriole	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Australasian Figbird (E)	Various locations on tour	
Boatbills: Machaerirhynchidae		
Yellow-breasted Boatbill	Lake Morris Road	
Woodswallows, Bellmagpies and Allies: Artamidae		
White-breasted Woodswallow	Various locations on tour	
Masked Woodswallow (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
White-browed Woodswallow (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve and Capertee Valley	
Black-faced Woodswallow	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Dusky Woodswallow (E)	Various locations on tour	
Gray Butcherbird (E)	Minnippi Wetlands and in various locations on Tasmania	
Pied Butcherbird (E)	Various locations on tour	
Black Butcherbird	Centenary Lakes and Lake Morris Road	
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	Abbattoir Swamp	
Willie-wagtail	Various locations on tour	
Rufous Fantail	Mt. Lewis and Mt. Hypipamee	
Gray Fantail	Various locations on tour	
Drongos: Dicuridae		
Spangled Drongo	Various locations in Northern Queensland	
Birds-of-Paradise: Paradisacidae		
Paradise Riflebird (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Victoria's Riflebird (E)	Lake Morris Road and Lake Barrine	
Monarch Flycatchers: Monarchidae		
White-eared Monarch (E)	Lake Barrine	
Pied Monarch (E)	Carr Road	
Black-faced Monarch	Carr Road	
Spectacled Monarch	Carr Road	
Magpie-Lark	Various locations on tour	
Leaden Flycatcher	End of Pickford Road	
Satin Flycatcher	Mt. Lewis Clearing	
Restless Flycatcher (E)	Capertee Valley	
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)	Near Griffith	
Australian Raven (E)	Various locations on tour	
Little Raven (E)	Various locations on tour	
Forest Raven	All over Tasmania	

Australian Robins: Petroicidae		
Lemon-bellied Flyrobin	End of Pickford Road	
Jacky-Winter	Capertee Valley	
Hooded Robin (E)	Capertee Valley	
Scarlet Robin (E)	North Bruny Island, Tasmania	
Red-capped Robin (E)	Back-Yama State Forest	
Flame Robin (E)	The Devils Kitchen in Tasmania	
Rose Robin (E)	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
Pink Robin (E)	Mount Mangana Road, Bruny Island 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)	Jack Bethel Park	
Southern Scrub Robin (E)	Round Hill Nature Reserve	
Larks: Alaudidae		
Singing Bushlark	Hay plains with Phil Maher	
Cisticolas and Allies: Cisticolidae		
Golden-headed Cisticola	Best views on Pickford Road and Fivebough Swamp	
Reed-Warblers and Allies: Acrocephalidae		
Australian Reed Warbler	Fivebough Swamp	
Grassbirds and Allies: Locustellidae		
Little Grassbird	Fivebough Swamp	
Tawny Grassbird	Seen on grassy edges/fields near a pond at the intersection of Curtain Fig Tree Road	
Rufous Songlark (E)	Capertee Valley	

Brown Songlark (E)	Hay plains	
Swallows: Hirundinidae		
Welcome Swallow (E)	Various locations on tour	
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 and McQuarries NP	
Russet-tailed Thrush	O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	
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	

Blue-faced Parrotfinch	“Patch Opposite Sides Road”	
Chestnut-breasted Munia	Seen on grassy edges/fields near a pond at the intersection of Curtain Fig Tree Road	
Old World Sparrows: Passeridae		
House Sparrow	Various locations on tour	
Wagtails and Pipits: Motacillidae		
Australian Pipit	Road to Newell Beach	
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		
Common Ringtail Possum		
Striped Possum		
Krefftt’s Glider		
Musky Rat Kangaroo		
Lumholt’z Tree 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		
Rusa		
Saltwater Crocodile		
Lace Monitor Lizard		
Green Sea Turtle		
Black-tipped Reef Shark		
White-tipped Reef Shark		
Eastern Bearded Dragon		
Australian Water Dragon		
White-lipped Tree Frog		
Trilling Frog		
Shingleback Lizard		
Major Skink		
Southern Dwarf Crowned Snake		
Coastal Carpet Python		
Red-bellied Black Snake		
Common Tree Snake		
Krefft's River Turtle		



Common Long-necked Turtle		
Red Fox		
Feral Pig		
Feral Goat		
European Hare		
European Rabbit		

**Extras*

One of the group members was really into butterflies and managed to create a list of all of the ones seen on this tour. Very nice! - Thanks John!

Another member of the group is a map maker as a profession and offered to make up some maps of our birding spots throughout the tour. Super cool! - Thanks Robert!

**Extras: Butterfly List - John K.*

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Swallowtails	Papilionidae
Cairns Birdwing	Ornithoptera euphorian
Ulysses Swallowtail	Papilio ulysses
Dainty Swallowtail	Papilio anactus
Ambrax Swallowtail	Papilio ambrax
Clearwing Swallowtail	Cressida cressida
Blue Triangle	Graphium sarpedon choredon
Whites and Sulphurs	Pieridae
Macleay's Grass-Yellow	Eurema herla
Cabbage White	Pieris rapae
Caper White	Belenois java
Red-banded Jezebel	Delias mysis
Black Jezebel	Delias nigrina
Brushfoots	Nymphalidae
Lesser Wanderer	Danaus petillia
Monarch	Danaus plexippus
Common Crow	Euploea core corinna
Varied Eggfly	Hypolimnas bolina
White-banded Plane	Phaedyra shepherdii
Orange Lacewing	Cethosia penthesilea
Australian Painted Lady	Vanessa kershawi
Chocolate Pansy	Junonia hedonia
Meadow Argus	Junonia villida
Cruiser	Vindula arsinoe
Dusky Knight	Ypthima arctous
Cedar Bushbrown	Mycalesis sirius
Orange Bushbrown	Mycalesis terminus
North Sword-grass Brown	Tisiphone helena
Varied Sword-grass Brown	Tisiphone abeona
Evening Brown	Melanitis leda
Common Brown	Heteronympha merope
Brown Ringlet	Hypocysta metirius
Gossamer-Winged	Lycaenidae
Tiny Grass Blue	Zizula hylax
Lesser Grass-Blue	Zizina otis
Pale Pea-Blue	Catochrysops panormus
Yellow-spotted Blue	Candalides xanthospilos
Skippers	Hesperiidae
Pied Flat	Tagiades japetus
Broad-banded Awl	Hasora hurama
Wide-brand Grass Dart	Suniana sunias

**Extras: Birding Spots Maps - Robert G.*

