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Tasmania Extension

Trip Report

15th October to 19th October 2015



Forty-spotted Pardalote by Adam Riley

Trip report by tour leader: Dr Andrew Hingston

Tour Summary

Day 1: We were collected from Launceston airport at 14:20, and transported to our accommodation at Mountain Valley Wilderness Lodge. This included a stop to watch a Short-beaked Echidna digging for food. After arriving at Mountain Valley Wilderness Lodge, we saw our first Common Wombats and Tasmanian Pademelons. After dark, we enjoyed seeing Tasmanian Devils, Spotted-tail Quolls and Common Brushtail Possums outside our rooms.

Day 2: We travelled to Cradle Mountain where we saw Bennett's Wallabies and more Wombats and Pademelons, as well as a Tasmanian Froglet, swimming in a pool. We also had good views of Crescent Honeyeaters, Black Currawongs and Tasmanian Nativehens, and our first sightings of Tasmanian Thornbills, Yellow-throated Honeyeaters and Yellow Wattlebirds. There was opportunity to enjoy the scenery, and learn about glacial landforms and the effects of fire on the vegetation. Tasmanian Devils were sighted again that night at Mountain Valley Wilderness Lodge.

Day 3: This was a long travel day from Mountain Valley Wilderness Lodge to Bruny Island. The journey was broken up with several stops at rivers and lakes to view waterfowl, as well as forest birds in the surrounding vegetation. Highlights included seeing nine species of ducks, a flock of over 100 Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos, with good views of Black-headed Honeyeaters, Yellow-throated Honeyeaters, Yellow Wattlebirds and a Tasmanian Thornbill. After dinner at Bruny Island, Little Penguins, Eastern Quolls and a Tawny Frogmouth were observed.

Day 4: This day was spent on Bruny Island, where close views of many Forty-spotted Pardalotes at Inala, and a flock of 30 Swift Parrots foraging in a flowering blue gum, were the highlights. We learnt about the many processes that adversely affect these two endangered species. We also saw a nesting Hooded Dotterel, Grey Goshawk, Strong-billed Honeyeaters, Dusky Robins, and many other Tasmanian endemic birds, including our best views of Green Rosellas through the tour. We took time to learn about the effects of fire and forestry on wet eucalypt forests. A visit to the rookery at the Bruny Island Neck that night yielded more views of Little Penguins, as well as large numbers of Short-tailed Shearwaters, returning to their burrows at dusk.



Tasmanian Nativehen by Adam Riley



Wombat by Adam Riley

Day 5: Our final morning was spent travelling from Inala to Hobart Airport. Several species of birds were seen en route, including our first sightings of Brush Bronzewing and Pacific gulls. I caught a quick glimpse of an Australian Hobby, which was unfortunately missed by the group who did however spot a dolphin on the ferry crossing! We said our final

goodbyes at the airport after five days of Tasmanian birding.

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Annotated List of species recorded

Birds

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2015. IOC World Bird List (v 5.2).
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Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae

Black Swan Mountain Valley WL 15.10 and Bruny Island 17.10	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>
Australian Shelduck Bruny Island 17.10	<i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>
Maned Duck Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>
Mallard Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10	<i>Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos</i>
Pacific Black Duck Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10 and Bruny Island 17.10	<i>Anas superciliosa superciliosa</i>
Australasian Shoveler Bruny Island 17.10	<i>Anas rhynchotis rhynchotis</i>
Grey Teal Bruny Island 17.10	<i>Anas gracilis gracilis</i>
Chestnut Teal Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 19.10	<i>Anas castanea</i>
Hardhead Bruny Island 17.10	<i>Aythya australis australis</i>
Musk Duck Bruny Island 17.10	<i>Biziura lobata</i>

Penguins Spheniscidae

Little Penguin Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10	<i>Eudyptula minor novaehollandiae</i>
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Shearwaters and Petrels Procellariidae

Short-tailed Shearwater Bruny Island 18.10	<i>Puffinus tenuirostris</i>
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Grebes Podicipedidae

Hoary-headed Grebe Bruny Island 17.10	<i>Poliiocephalus poliocephalus</i>
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Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae

Great Egret Bruny Island 17.10	<i>Ardea alba modesta</i>
White-faced Heron Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>

Pelicans *Pelecanidae*

Australian Pelican
Bruny Island 17.10 *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

Boobies and Gannets *Sulidae*

Australasian Gannet
Bruny Island 18.10 *Morus serrator*

Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*

Little Pied Cormorant
Bruny Island 17.10 *Microcarbo melanoleucos melanoleucos*

Black-faced Cormorant
Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10 *Phalacrocorax fuscescens*

Little Black Cormorant
Bruny Island 17.10 *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*

Great Cormorant
Bruny Island 17.10, Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10 *Phalacrocorax carbo novaehollandiae*

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites *Accipitridae*

Grey Goshawk
en route 19.10 *Accipiter novaehollandiae*

Brown Goshawk
Bruny Island 17.10 *Accipiter fasciatus*

Swamp Harrier
Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10 *Circus approximans*

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots *Rallidae*

Purple Swamphen
Bruny Island 17.10 *Porphyrio porphyrio*

Tasmanian Nativehen
Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10, Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10 *Tribonyx mortierii*

Eurasian Coot
Bruny Island 17.10 *Fulica atra australis*

Oystercatchers *Haematopodidae*

Pied Oystercatcher
Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10 *Haematopus longirostris*

Sooty Oystercatcher
Bruny Island 18.10 *Haematopus fuliginosus*

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

Masked Lapwing
Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10, Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10 *Vanellus miles*

Hooded Dotterel
Bruny Island 18.10 *Thinornis cucullatus*

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers *Laridae*

Silver Gull
Bruny Island 17.10, Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10 *Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae*

Pacific Gull
en route 19.10 *Larus pacificus*

Kelp Gull
Bruny Island 17.10, Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10 *Larus dominicanus dominicanus*

Pigeons and Doves *Columbidae*

Brush Bronzewing
Bruny Island 19.10

Phaps elegans

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

Pallid Cuckoo
Bruny Island 17.10 and en route 19.10

Cacomantis pallidus

Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10

Cacomantis flabelliformis flabelliformis

Frogmouths *Podargidae*

Tawny Frogmouth
Bruny Island 17.10

Podargus strigoides

Kingfishers *Alcedinidae*

Laughing Kookaburra
Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10 and Bruny Island 17.10

Dacelo novaeguineae

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae*

Australian Hobby
en route 19.10

Falco longipennis

Brown Falcon
Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10

Falco berigora

Cockatoos *Cacatuidae*

Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo
Bruny Island 17.10

Calyptorhynchus funereus

Galah
Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Bruny Island 17.10 and en route 19.10

Eolophus roseicapilla

Long-billed Corella
Bruny Island 17.10

Cacatua tenuirostris

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10 and Bruny Island 17.10

Cacatua galerita

African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae*

Musk Lorikeet
Bruny Island 17.10

Glossopsitta concinna

Green Rosella
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10

Platycercus caledonicus

Eastern Rosella
Bruny Island 17.10

Platycercus eximius

Swift Parrot
Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10

Lathamus discolor

Fairywrens *Maluridae*

Superb Fairywren
Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10 and observed Bruny Island 17-19.10

Malurus cyaneus

Honeyeaters *Meliphagidae*

Eastern Spinebill
Bruny Island 18.10

Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris

Crescent Honeyeater
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10 and Bruny Island 18.10

Phylidonyris pyrrhopterus

New Holland Honeyeater
Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10

Phylidonyris novaehollandiae

Strong-billed Honeyeater
Bruny Island 18.10

Melithreptus validirostris

Black-headed Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus affinis</i>
Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10	
Yellow-throated Honeyeater	<i>Nesoptilotis flavicollis</i>
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10	
White-fronted Chat	<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>
Bruny Island 17.10	
Yellow Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera paradoxa</i>
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10	
Noisy Miner	<i>Manorina melanocephala</i>
Bruny Island 17.10	

Pardalotes Pardalotidae

Forty-spotted Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus quadragintus</i>
Bruny Island 18.10	
Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10	

Thornbills and Allies Acanthizidae

Striated Fieldwren	<i>Calamanthus fuliginosus</i>
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10	
Brown Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza pusilla</i>
Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10	
Tasmanian Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza ewingii</i>
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10	
Yellow-rumped Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza chrysorrhoa</i>
Bruny Island 18.10	

Woodswallows, butcherbirds and allies Artamidae

Dusky Woodswallow	<i>Artamus cyanopterus</i>
Bruny Island 18.10	
Grey Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10 and Bruny Island 17.10	
Australian Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>
Mountain Valley WL 15.10 and Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10	
Black Currawong	<i>Strepera fuliginosa</i>
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10	
Grey Currawong	<i>Strepera versicolor</i>
Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10 and Bruny Island 17.10	

Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae

Black-faced Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10	

Whistlers and Allies Pachycephalidae

Australian Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>
Bruny Island 18.10	
Grey Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>
Mountain Valley WL 15.10 and Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10	

Fantails Rhipiduridae

Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa</i>
Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10	

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae

Forest Raven	<i>Corvus tasmanicus</i>
Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10, Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10	

Australasian Robins *Petroicidae*

Dusky Robin	<i>Melanodryas vittata</i>
Bruny Island 18.10	
Pink Robin	<i>Petroica rodinogaster</i>
Bruny Island 18.10	
Flame Robin	<i>Petroica phoenicea</i>
Bruny Island 18.10 and Bruny Island 19.10	
Scarlet Robin	<i>Petroica boodang</i>
Bruny Island 18.10 and Bruny Island 19.10	

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>
Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10, Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10	
Tree Martin	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10, Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10	

Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies *Zosteropidae*

Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10 and Bruny Island 18.10	

Starlings *Sturnidae*

Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris vulgaris</i>
Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10, Bruny Island 18.10 and Hobart 19.10	

Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae*

Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula merula</i>
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10, Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10	

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*

House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus domesticus</i>
Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10, Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10	

Waxbills and Allies *Estrildidae*

Beautiful Firetail	<i>Stagonopleura bella</i>
Bruny Island 18.10 and Bruny Island 19.10	

Wagtails and Pipits *Motacillidae*

Australian Pipit	<i>Anthus australis</i>
Mountain Valley WL 15.10 and Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10	

Finches, Euphonias *Fringillidae*

European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis britannica</i>
Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 17.10, Bruny Island 18.10 and en route 19.10	

Mammals

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Echidnas *Tachyglossidae*

Short-beaked Echidna *Tachyglossus aculeatus*
 Mountain Valley WL 15.10, Mountain Valley WL 16.10 and Bruny Island 17.10

Marsupial carnivores *Dasyuridae*

Spotted-tailed Quoll *Dasyurus maculatus*
 Mountain Valley WL 15.10

Eastern Quoll *Dasyurus viverrinus*
 Bruny Island 17.10

Tasmanian Devil *Sarcophilus harrisii*
 Mountain Valley WL 15.10 and Mountain Valley WL 16.10

Kangaroos, Wallabies *Macropodidae*

Red-necked Wallaby *Macropus rufogriseus*
 Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10, Bruny Island 18.10 and Bruny Island 19.10

Tasmanian Pademelon *Thylogale billardierii*
 Mountain Valley WL 15.10 and Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10

Possums, Cuscuses, Gledero, Ringtails *Phalangeridae*

Common Brushtail Possum *Trichosurus vulpecula*
 Mountain Valley WL 15.10 and Bruny Island 18.10

Wombats *Vombatidae*

Common Wombat *Vombatus ursinus*
 Mountain Valley WL 15.10 and Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10

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Australian ground frogs *Myobatrachidae*

Tasmanian Froglet *Crinia tasmaniensis*
 Cradle Mountain National Park 16.10

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