



ROCKJUMPER

Worldwide Birding Adventures

Australia

East Coast

21st September to 10th October 2018 (21 days)

Tasmania

10th to 14th October 2018 (5 days)

Trip Report



The beautiful Spotted Pardalote by Erik Forsyth

Trip Report compiled by Tour Leader: Erik Forsyth

Top 10 birds as voted by participants for Eastern Australia:

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| 1) Southern Cassowary | 6) Pink Robin |
| 2) Tawny Frogmouth | 7) Glossy Black Cockatoo |
| 3) Spotted Pardalote | 8) Australian Brush Turkey |
| 4) Australian Owlet-Nightjar | 9) Red-backed Fairywren |
| 5) Golden Bowerbird | 10) Spotted Catbird |

The Tour in Detail:

The northern tropical city of Cairns is situated almost at the north-east tip of Queensland, huddled along the shoreline of the Coral Sea. For those that arrived the day before, we birded along the Cairns Esplanade, where the incoming tide allowed us to scan the mudflats, which produced a host of eastern migrant waders, including Black-tailed Godwit, Great Knot, Grey-tailed Tattler, Red-necked Stint, Terek and Sharp-tailed Sandpipers, Whimbrel, Red-capped Plover, Greater and Lesser Sand Plovers and Far Eastern Curlew. Best of all was a Beach (Thick-knee) Stone-curlew, a rare resident.



Southern Cassowary by Andrew Sutherland

The following morning, after meeting our local guide, Jonathan Munroe, we began birding in earnest by driving to Etty Beach, an area of Coastal Forest and farmlands. Our prime reason for visiting the Etty Beach area was to look for Southern Cassowary, a scarce and highly desired species for all birders visiting this incredible country. No sooner had we driven into the coastal campsite than, at the far end, we could see a Southern Cassowary raiding a camper's table. *Fantastic!* It was a female bird, and we spent some time observing and taking photos before she disappeared up a forested trail. An ecstatic group sighed with huge relief, as it can often take several visits to find a bird.



The rare Beach (Thick-knee) Stone-curlew, Cairns by Maxine Reid

Walking slowly through the area, we found another a large female bird resting in the forest, allowing everybody excellent looks. Here, we also managed Yellow-spotted, Macleay's and Graceful Honeyeaters and fantastic close looks at Laughing Kookaburras. With this success, it was time to head for lunch, which we enjoyed at the Cairns Botanical Gardens. After lunch, we found many confiding Australian Brush Turkeys and Orange-footed Scrubfowl, along with Green Oriole, Australian Figbird, Australian Pelican and Magpie Goose.

Early the next morning, we drove up into the Atherton Tablelands and enjoyed a large mixed flock of stately Brolga and Sarus Cranes, allowing nice comparisons. A flock of forty-odd Topknot Pigeons were seen flying overhead, as well as Forest Kingfishers and White-breasted Woodswallows, and Pacific Bazas showed really-well as they dried out their feathers after a shower. After lunch, we visited the forest at Lake Barrine, where we scored with Bowers Shrikethrush and Pied Monarch. In the late afternoon, we arrived at the famous Chambers Forest Lodge, surrounded by lush forest and draped with epiphytes and aerial ferns. The nocturnal viewing platform alongside our rooms produced Sugar-gliders and Northern Striped Possums, as well as Long-nosed Bandicoots.



The unusual headdress of the Topknot Pigeon, Atherton Tablelands by Erik Forsyth

The calls of Victoria's Riflebird, Eastern Whipbirds and Spotted Catbirds awoke us early the next morning. Australian Brush Turkeys walked through the gardens, oblivious to our presence, Australian King Parrot sat for all to admire and, after a bit of work, we found a stunning Yellow-breasted Boatbill, Grey-headed Robins, Australian King Parrots, Wompoo Fruit Dove and Topknot Pigeon; while a few saw Eastern Whipbird. Our day in the tablelands was very busy and covered many areas. The birds included more Sarus and Brolga Cranes, fabulous Wedge-tailed Eagle, and, best of all, a visit to the highland forest area, where we found a stunning male Golden Bowerbird at his bower. Wow! A visit to Hasties Swamp produced several hundred Plumed Whistling Ducks, Sharp-tailed Sandpipers, Red-kneed Dotterels, the rare Freckled Duck and a confiding Little Kingfisher. Later, at the famous Curtain Fig tree, we found confiding Eastern Whipbird and Pied Monarch.

The following morning after breakfast, we drove to Granite Rock in dry country with huge boulders and dry woodland. It did not disappoint, as a flowering Banksia Tree produced Great Bowerbird, Scaly-breasted Lorikeets, Little Friarbird, Double-barred Finch and Squatter Pigeons loitering in the shade and nearby, a pair of Collared Sparrowhawk building a nest. We also enjoyed very close looks at Rock Wallaby. Our lunch stop, at Woodleigh Farm, in the dry country, produced Blue-faced Honeyeaters and splendid Red-tailed Black Cockatoo perched overhead; while Emu, stately Australian Bustards and Pale-headed Rosellas were found in dry country en route to the Herbert River, along with three of the nomadic Cotton Pygmy Goose being scoped at Blue Lagoon. After dinner, a night walk at Jonathan's farm was a fabulous adventure which produced several rare and endangered possums, including Herbert River, Green Ringtail, Lemuroid Ringtail and Coppery Brushtail.



Golden Bowerbird, Atherton Tablelands by Erik

Early the next day, a quick walk through the forest near our rooms brought us to a lek, where a male Victoria Riflebird sat. Although he did not display, as no female was around, he called loudly and allowed great photo opportunities. We then were off to Peterson Creek, where we embarked on a search for the unique Duck-billed Platypus. With persistence, we eventually located three pairs on a quiet backwater channel, allowing us extended views of this shy aquatic species as they quietly fed along the surface of the water, showing off their duck-like bill, sleek waterproof fur, and padded flattened tail. *A fantastic experience and certainly a highlight for most!* From here, we returned to Lake Barrine, where in the surrounding forest we found a family group of five Chowchilla feeding in the understorey. Later, we had lunch at Nerada Tea Plantation, where we were delighted to find three Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroos giving excellent looks. We continued to bird the area in the afternoon and that night, driving back past Lake Eacham to our lodge. A spell of night birding produced a Lesser Sooty Owl.



Red-backed Fairywren by Erik Forsyth

The following morning, we began the long drive to the Daintree River, first stopping at Abattoir Swamp, where we had great looks at Northern Fantail, Eastern Yellow Robin, and an array of honeyeaters including Brown, White-cheeked and Brown-backed. After lunch, we stopped at Jullatten, which came up trumps with Lovely Fairywren, Spectacled Monarch and Eastern Yellow Robin. We arrived at our lodge in the Daintree in the late afternoon.



Australian Logrunner by Jonathan Rossouw

An early morning cruise along the Daintree River the next morning produced several vocal Pacific Koels flying over the river. Azure Kingfishers darted from cover, and pairs of Shining Flycatchers and Large-billed Gerygones were active in the riverine vegetation. Our best find, though, was a huge Papuan Frogmouth sitting on a nest right alongside the river. After a short but exciting visit, we headed back to Cairns. After lunch, we visited the Cattana Wetlands, stopping briefly for several stunning Crimson Finches and Chestnut-breasted Mannikins. The wetlands proffered smart Comb-crested Jacanas, and Green Pygmy Geese.

On our last morning in Cairns, after saying our fond farewells to our local leader, Jonathan, we flew south to the city of Brisbane in Central Queensland, where we met our next local guide, Rob Elvish. We were soon on our way to the tropical forest of famous O'Reilly's Lodge in the Lamington National Park. En route, we stopped at a garden and were invited in by a friendly host. Here, we enjoyed a fabulous encounter with many Little and Long-billed Corellas. We arrived at our lodge just before dark and settled

in for the night. The following morning, a pre-breakfast walk along the forested trails near the lodge produced groups of confiding Australian Logrunner, Yellow-throated and White-throated Scrubwrens, and Eastern Whipbirds; while Green Catbirds and Paradise Riflebirds called overhead unseen.

The lodge's grounds produced excellent close looks at the stunning Regent Bowerbird – the males glowing in the early morning light – Wonga Pigeon and several Topknot Pigeons, Eastern Rosellas and Australian King Parrots. The latter two species were often spotted around our rooms!



Regent Bowerbird, O Reilly's Lamington NP by Erik Forsyth

After a hearty breakfast, we searched hard for the highly-desired Albert's Lyrebird, which had been reported the previous day. We could not find the lyrebird, but were compensated with excellent close looks at a Satin Bowerbird attending his bowers. We continued our birding along the trails, eventually bumping into a stunning male Paradise Riflebird, a pair of Green Catbird, Bassian Thrush and a beautiful Rose Robin. *Wow!* After this success, we birded further through the forest, finding Superb Fairywrens. Eventually, we broke for lunch and some downtime. It was during this period that Rob went out and checked a few other spots for the lyrebird. It wasn't long before he came back with the good news that he had found a bird. We rallied all the group together and hurried down towards the land refill. Here, we enjoyed great looks as a bird scratched in the vegetation for grubs in the open for five minutes before disappearing back into the forest! A relieved and happy group of birders strolled back to the lodge, well done Rob. That evening, we took a night walk which produced Southern Boobook and Common Ringtail Possum.



Superb Fairywren by Dennis Braddy

On our final morning, we reluctantly had to leave this fabulous birding area, as we needed to catch a flight from Brisbane to the cosmopolitan city of Sydney in New South Wales, where we met our new local guide, Simon Starr, at the airport. From here, we had a quick stop at the Royal NP, where a short walk produced New Holland Honeyeater and the beautiful Variegated Fairywren. From here, we headed down the coast to Kiama.

The following morning, we were standing on the dock at daybreak, ready for our pelagic in the South Pacific. The weather was perfect, and throughout the day at sea we enjoyed a

variety of species, including Short-tailed, Wedge-tailed and Flesh-footed Shearwaters, Providence Petrel, Black-browed, Shy and, best of all, a stunning Antipodean (Wandering) Albatross, Fairy Prion, Brown Skua and a few Fluttering Shearwaters. Our journey home was enlivened by a good sighting of three Humpback Whales. After a long day, we headed back to our hotel, happy but tired.

Early the next morning, we drove up towards Barren Grounds Nature Reserve. Here, we searched in earnest for Eastern Ground Parrot, but after a fair search we could not flush a bird. Not far from the carpark, we bumped into a family group of Southern Emu-wrens showing really well, and nearby we saw several Fantail Cuckoos. From here, we drove to Glenbrook Forest in the Blue Mountains NP and had a picnic lunch. Here, we were joined by Sulphur-crested Cockatoos and enjoyed fabulous looks at Spotted Pardalote, as well as a lek of bellbirds calling in a small area, allowing close looks at this strange bird.

The following day, we visited the farming area of the Capertee Valley. The Capertee Valley has a mixture of cultivated fields, woodland, rivers and hills, and is good habitat for a variety of birds. During the course of the day, we picked out the local specials including Wedge-tailed Eagle, Brown and Peregrine Falcons, Australian Hobby, a smart pair of Crested Shrike-Tits, Southern Whiteface, Weebill, Rufous Songlark, Pallid Cuckoo and White-winged Chough. With the heat of the day building up, a small pool of water attracted Double-barred and Plum-faced Finches, Hooded Robin, several beautifully marked Diamond



Eastern Rosella by Dennis Braddy

Firetails, Jacky Winter, a pair of Restless Flycatchers, a family group of Brown Treecreepers, Eastern Rosellas and Red-rumped Parrots; plus, best of all, a stunning male Turquoise Parrot, a very scarce bird. At our lunch stop, we enjoyed good scope looks at Rainbow Lorikeet and the scarce Little Lorikeet feeding on flowering Gum Trees. Just before we left the valley, we found a Wombat, a great addition to our mammal list. After a fabulous day in the Capertee Valley, we arrived back at our hotel for a good night's rest.



Jacky Winter by Dennis Braddy

A visit to Lithgow Sewage Ponds the following day gave us Hoary-headed Grebes and Pink-eared Ducks. At Lake Wallace, we watched the bizarre Musk Duck displaying, and a distant pair of Blue-billed Duck; while Australian Reed Warblers and Little Grassbird played hide-and-seek in the reedbeds. We continued our drive to Temora, first stopping for a flock of cockatiels alongside the road. Lunch at the Japanese Gardens in Cowra allowed us great looks at a pair of confiding Red-rumped Parrots.

At the small country town of Beckom the following morning, we found Yellow-throated Miner, Spotted Pardalote, White-fronted Chat, Australian Pipit and great looks at a Spotted Harrier hunting over a field. From here we headed to Hay, first stopping in Griffiths for lunch. At a fortuitous stop alongside the Murrumbidgee River, we enjoyed good scope looks at Superb Parrots and a bonus Painted Honeyeater was calling nearby, allowing fab looks. In the late afternoon, we arrived at

the town of Hay and after a short break, we headed off to Deniliquin to meet our guide, Phil Maher, for the evening's tour to look for nocturnal birds and Plains-wanderer. After passing endless farmlands and increasingly arid landscape where several Emu were seen, we met up with our guide who showed us a roosting Australian Owlet-Nightjar and a large flock of White-browed and Masked Woodswallows. En route we had great looks at White-winged Fairywren, Brown Songlark and Horsfield's Bush Lark.

After a quick dinner, we drove 4x4s into fields, where we scoured the surroundings with spotlights. During our drive, we found Horsfield's Bush Lark, Brown Songlark, Stubble Quail and small numbers of Banded Lapwings. After a late night, and unfortunately no sighting of our target, we headed back to our hotel, carefully avoiding many kangaroos feeding by the roadside.

Although the following day was mainly a travel day, we still managed several good birds. At an undisclosed site, we had good looks at the scarce White-backed Swallow hawking insects overhead; while Lake Tutchewop had the stunning Orange Chat, Australian Shelduck, Red-capped Plover and Sharp-tailed Sandpipers. Later, at Cullen's Lake, there were huge numbers of birds. Here we recorded Straw-necked and Australian White Ibises, Musk and Pink-eared Ducks, Black-fronted Dotterel, Pied Stilt and many Whiskered Terns. Best of all were small numbers of Red-necked Avocets.



Banded Lapwing by Jonathan Rossouw

Early the following morning we visited a flowering gum tree at Boort, which held many Musk Lorikeets and a few small, fast flocks of Purple-crowned Lorikeets; while the nearby cemetery held a stunning Blue Bonnet, a small but scarce parrot. We then made our way to Mt Korang, where we enjoyed several hours of fantastic birding. Rain had fallen recently, and the area was alive with birdsong and many trees and



The rare Square-tailed Kite in the Bendigo area by Erik Forsyth

flowers were in bloom. Our tally here was excellent and included several Diamond Firetail, a dazzling Red-capped Robin, White-browed and Grey-capped Babblers the scarce and localised Gilbert's Whistler and close looks at Painted Honeyeater. Toward the end of the day, we visited a site at Inglewood and after a short wait, a Shy Heathwren popped into view, allowing good looks. From here, we continued to Bendigo, our stop for the night.

Today was a fairly long drive day, from Bendigo to Anglesea with several birding stops en route. Best of all was an early visit to a patch of woodland in Bendigo, where we were very lucky to see a pair of the rare and localised Square-tailed Kites. We enjoyed

perfect views as one of the birds flew and landed on an open branch and sat enjoying the early morning sun. This allowed fantastic scope and photo opportunities. We then travelled through Wombat State Forest, where our best birds were a pair of Red-browed Treecreepers and a pair of Scarlet Robins. Later in the day, we visited Yong Yang Reserve, where after a bit of searching we came up trumps with a pair of Tawny Frogmouths roosting next to a large branch halfway up a tree. *Amazing camouflage for such a large bird!* We arrived at the coastal town of Anglesea late in the afternoon.

Birding near the hotel the following morning, we found Forest Raven and had fabulous looks at Rufous Bristlebird. At the jetty, we bumped into Black-faced Cormorants, as well as the huge-billed Pacific Gulls. We then travelled to the Kennet River to look for one of Australia's most iconic mammals – the Koala. Here we enjoyed fantastic close looks at several cuddly creatures and reacquainted ourselves with many Sulphur-crested Cockatoos, Eastern Rosellas and King Parrots. A little later, we visited Cooboora Park, where some of us had quick looks at Lewin's Rail and everybody had great looks at Buff-banded Rails. We finished the tour off in Geelong with a visit to a local wetland, where we found nine Cape Barren Geese.



Koala by Dennis Braddy

Our last port of call was an extension to Tasmania, where we flew into Launceston and drove to our lodge near Cradle Mountain. The main purpose of our stay here was to connect with Tasmania's most iconic mammal, the Tasmanian Devil. For the most part, we were not disappointed, as over the next two nights we enjoyed several views. Other mammal sightings were Spotted Quoll and Common Brushtail Possum. Birding around our lodge produced Dusky, Flame and Scarlet Robins, Black-headed, Strong-billed and Yellow-throated Honeyeaters. On one of the days, we visited Cradle Mountain NP where the scenery was glorious. Here, we found the endemic Scrubtit,



Flame Robin, Tasmania by Erik Forsyth

Black Currawong and the large Yellow Wattlebird. It was here that we also had excellent views of up to ten Wombats where they feed during the day! From here, we headed south for an overnight stay on Bruny Island, which was the icing on the cake, with more views of most of the endemics as well as coastal Sooty Oystercatcher and Hooded Plover. A visit to the viewing platform at Inala Ranch gave us the Forty-spotted Pardalote, and at our lunch stop we were surrounded by the migratory Swift Parrots which provided fabulous looks, they were also our last endemic.... a fitting way to end a magical tour. So many great bird and mammal encounters.

Thank you everyone (and local guides Jonathan, Rob, Simon and Mark) for making this the huge success that it was!

Annotated List of species recorded

Birds (369 in total: 366 seen, 3 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2015. IOC World Bird List (v 5.3). Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced IUCN codes: CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

CASSOWARIES: Casuariidae

Southern Cassowary

Casuarius casuarius

A visit to Etty Beach area near Cairns, produced fabulous views of a female bird in the campsite. We watched this bird for half an hour before it disappeared into the forest. A short while later we found a second female bird resting in the forest. Fantastic!

EMU: Dromaiidae

Emu (E)

Dromaius novaehollandiae

This species was seen in the West Temora-Hay-Deniliquin areas of New South Wales and again in dry country near Bendigo.

MAGPIE GOOSE: Anseranatidae

Magpie Goose

Anseranas semipalmata

Commonly recorded at wetlands around Cairns and in the Atherton Tablelands.

DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS: Anatidae

Plumed Whistling Duck (E)

Dendrocygna eytoni

Our only sighting was of 300 at Hasties Swamp. A striking bird.

Wandering Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna arcuate

Only seen at one site in the Atherton Tablelands.

Cape Barren Goose

Cereopsis novaehollandiae

Recorded in small numbers in Victoria and a large flock of sixty birds in Tasmania.

Black Swan

Cygnus atratus

It was recorded in the Atherton Tablelands and at Lithgow as well as in Tasmania.

Freckled Duck (E)

Stictonetta naevosa

This scarce species was scoped at Hasties Swamp and nine birds at Enysbury near Melbourne.

Raja (Radjah) Shelduck

Tadorna radjah

Great looks at the Wonga fishponds, near Daintree.

Australian Shelduck (E)

Tadorna tadornoides

Good sightings at Lake Tutchewop and near Apollo Bay as well as in Tasmania.

Pink-eared Duck (E)

Malacorhynchus membranaceus

This odd-looking but beautiful duck was recorded Innisfail, Hasties Swamp and at wetlands en route to Hay.

Maned Duck (E)

Chenonetta jubata

Commonly recorded throughout.

Cotton Pygmy Goose

Nettapus coromandelianus

Three of these stunning birds were seen very well at a small lake en route to the Atherton Tablelands.

Green Pygmy Goose

Nettapus pulchellus

Recorded at Kattana Wetlands.

Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*

Common throughout our tour.

Australian Shoveler *Anas rhynchos*

Small numbers were seen in New South Wales and Victoria.

Grey Teal *Anas gracilis*

Recorded at a few wetlands throughout the tour.

Chestnut Teal (E) *Anas castanea*

First recorded in Lithgow at Lake Wallace and later in Tasmania.

Hardhead (White-eyed) Duck *Aythya australis*

Commonly recorded at several wetlands.

Blue-billed Duck (E) *Oxyura australis*

Good looks at several distant birds at Lake Wallace at Lithgow and later closer looks in Tasmania.

Musk Duck (E) *Biziura lobata*

Good scope looks at Lake Wallace, Lithgow and at Cullen's Lake in Victoria.

MEGAPODES: Megapodiidae**Australian Brush-turkey (E)** *Alectura lathami*

Commonly seen around the Cairns area, Atherton Tablelands and in Lamington NP near Brisbane.

Orange-footed Scrubfowl *Megapodius reinwardt*

Commonly seen in forest around the Cairns and Atherton Tablelands areas.

GUINEAFOWL: Numididae**Helmeted Guineafowl (I)** *Numida meleagris*

A few of these introduced birds, which have feral populations, were seen in the Atherton Tablelands.

PHEASANTS, FOWL & ALLIES: Phasianidae**Stubble Quail (E)** *Coturnix pectoralis*

Excellent close looks at a female on our night drive in the Deniliquin area.

ALBATROSSES: Diomedidae**Antipodean Wandering Albatross** *Diomedea antipodensis*

We enjoyed fantastic close looks on our pelagic off Kiama.

Note: Most authorities now place all New Zealand Wandering Albatross types as Antipodean Albatross.

Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophris*

A single bird was seen off Kiama.

Shy (White-capped) Albatross *Thalassarche cauta cauta*

The common albatross species was seen on our pelagic off Kiama and a further two were seen off the headland at Lorne.

Note: the race T.cauta steadi was also recorded off Kiama

PETRELS & SHEARWATERS: Procellariidae**Northern Giant Petrel** *Macronectes halli*

Great views of this large petrel off Kiama.

Grey-faced Petrel *Pterodroma gouldi*

Excellent views of this scarce visitor.

Providence Petrel (BE) *Pterodroma solandri*

Up to 15 of these breeding endemics were seen on our Kiama pelagic trip.

Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

Great views of several on our pelagic off Kiama.

Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris*
Ten were recorded off Kiama.

Flesh-footed Shearwater *Puffinus carneipes*
Recorded on our Kiama pelagic.

Fluttering Shearwater *Puffinus gavius*
Small numbers were seen off Kiama.

GREBES: Podicipedidae

Australasian Grebe *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*
Recorded widely at wetlands throughout the tour.

Hoary-headed Grebe (E) *Poliiocephalus poliocephalus*
Singletons at the waterworks station near Lithgow, with further sightings at Lake Wallace and in Tasmania.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*
First recorded at Lake Barrine in the Atherton Tablelands and later at Lithgow water treatment works.

STORKS: Ciconiidae

Black-necked Stork *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*
A single bird was seen in the Atherton Tablelands.

IBISES & SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae

Australian (White) Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*
Commonly recorded at wetlands and paddocks.

Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis*
Commonly recorded at wetlands and grasslands throughout the tour.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*
A single bird was seen at Innisfail and a small flock at Lake Cullen.

Royal Spoonbill *Platalea regia*
Just a couple of birds in the Atherton Tablelands.

Yellow-billed Spoonbill (E) *Platalea flavipes*
Singletons at Moulemaine Wetland and another in the Bendigo area.

HERONS: Ardeidae

Nankeen (Rufous) Night Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus*
Recorded at Hasties Swamp.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*
Recorded near the Daintree River.

[Eastern] Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*
Commonly recorded in the east.

White-necked (Pacific) Heron *Ardea pacifica*
Regular sightings near Cairns and in the Atherton Tablelands.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*
Recorded at waterbodies throughout.

NOTE: The nominate Old World Great Egret may be split from the New World A. a. egretta, which would become American Egret. This split is as yet not recognised by Clements.

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*
Just a few sightings at various wetlands in the east.

NOTE: This group may be split into three species, the African Yellow-billed Egret (E. brachyrhyncha), Plumed Egret (E. plumifera) and the nominate Intermediate Egret. This split is as yet not recognized by Clements.

White-faced Heron *Egretta novaehollandiae*

Small numbers seen throughout the tour including Tasmania.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

First recorded at Herdsman Lake in Perth, with a few others seen at mangroves and lagoons at Cairns, the Daintree River.

NOTE: Clements lumps Little and Madagascar's Dimorphic (E. dimorpha) Egret into a single species. This treatment is not widely accepted.

Pacific Reef Heron *Egretta sacra*

Recorded on the Cairns Esplanade on the arrival day.

PELICANS: Pelecanidae**Australian Pelican** *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

Recorded at wetlands and lakes throughout the tour.

GANNETS: Sulidae**Australian Gannet** *Morus serrator*

Good views on the Kiama pelagic and in Tasmania.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae**Little Pied Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*

A commonly seen wetland species.

Black-faced Cormorant (E) *Phalacrocorax fuscescens*

Four of this scarce species were seen at Anglesea as well as in Tasmania.

Little Black Cormorant *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*

Commonly seen throughout our tour.

(Australian) Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax varius*

Recorded around Kiama.

Great Cormorant *Microcarbo melanoleucus*

Seen in small numbers throughout our tour.

DARTERS Anhingidae**Australasian Darter** *Anhinga novaehollandiae*

A few sightings around Cairns and the Daintree River.

NOTE: A. melanogaster is split into three separate species by the IOC that includes African Darter (A. rufa) and Australasian Darter (A. novaehollandiae). The nominate is the species we recorded and is now known as Oriental Darter.

OSPREYS: Pandionidae**[Eastern] Osprey** *Pandion cristatus*

Recorded around Cairns and the Atherton Tablelands.

KITES & EAGLES: Accipitridae**Black-shouldered (Australian) Kite (E)** *Elanus axillaris*

Fairly common in open grassland areas throughout the tour.

NOTE: This species is sometimes split into Black-winged Kite, E. caeruleus of Africa and Asia, White-tailed Kite, E. leucurus of the Americas and Black-shouldered Kite, E. axillaris of Australasia. Both Clements and the IOC accept these splits.

Square-tailed Kite (E) *Lophoictinia isura*

We were ecstatic to watch a pair of these rare residents in the Bendigo area.

Pacific Baza *Aviceda subcristata*

We enjoyed good sightings of two pairs in the Atherton Tablelands.

Little Eagle (E)	<i>Aquila morphnoides</i>
A leader only sighting.	
Wedge-tailed Eagle	<i>Aquila audax</i>
We enjoyed scattered sightings of this spectacular large eagle at various sites throughout the tour.	
Grey Goshawk (E)	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>
Good looks at an adult in an open tree in the Atherton Tablelands.	
Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>
Four sightings were had of this large goshawk.	
Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i>
Fabulous looks at a pair building a nest at Granite Gorge.	
Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>
Two sightings in at wetlands in Victoria and further sightings in Tasmania where it is more common.	
Spotted Harrier	<i>Circus assimilis</i>
Two sightings were had near Temora and Hay.	
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
A regularly recorded raptor in the east.	
Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>
Several sightings throughout the tour.	
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur Indus</i>
Two sightings around Cairns and the Daintree.	
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
First recorded at Cairns Esplanade with further sightings at Daintree River, the Atherton Tablelands, at Kerang and in Tasmania.	

BUSTARDS: Otididae

Australian Bustard	<i>Ardeotis australis</i>
Several birds were seen in dry grasslands to the west of Cairns.	

RAILS, CRAKES & COOTS: Rallidae

Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>
Singleton seen in the Atherton Tablelands and two birds seen well Cooboora Park, Victoria.	
Lewin's Rail	<i>Lewinia pectoralis</i>
Seen briefly by half the group at Cooboora Park, Victoria.	
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
Scattered sightings at wetlands throughout the tour.	
<i>This is a distinct species. The form we recorded would then become Grey-headed Swamphen (P. poliocephalus). Other forms to be recognized may include Philippine Swamphen (P. pulverulentus), Black-backed Swamphen (P. indicus) and Eastern Swamphen (P. melanotus). Clements does not as yet accept any of these splits. The IOC accepts African Swamphen P. madagascariensis and Purple Swamphen P. porphyrio</i>	
Dusky Moorhen	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>
Scattered sightings at wetlands throughout the tour.	
Black-tailed Nativehen (E)	<i>Tribonyx ventralis</i>
We had great views at Moulemaine and at Lake Cullen. A nomadic species that follow the rains.	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
Recorded at several wetlands throughout the tour.	

CRANES: Gruidae**Sarus Crane***Grus antigone*

Good numbers were seen well in the Atherton Tablelands. We enjoyed close looks and heard their trumpeting calls. This is a fairly recent coloniser (1966) to Australia from Asia.

Brolga*Grus rubicund*

Great close views of many birds on the ground and in flight in the Atherton Tablelands. There is a small resident population in Southern New Guinea.

STONE-CURLEWS: Burhinidae**Bush (Thick-knee) Stone-curlew***Burhinus grallarius*

We enjoyed close looks at several of these nocturnal birds in the Cairns and Atherton Tablelands areas.

Beach (Thick-knee) Stone-curlew*Esacus magnirostris*

Excellent sightings at the Cairns Esplanade and art Newell's Beach. A rare resident.

OYSTERCATCHERS: Haematopodidae**Pied Oystercatcher (E)***Haematopus longirostris*

Good sightings at Cairns Esplanade, Avalon Beach and in Tasmania.

Sooty Oystercatcher (E)*Haematopus fuliginosus*

Good sightings on Bruny Island Tasmania.

STILTS, AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae**White-headed (Pied) Stilt***Himantopus leucocephalus*

Recorded at several wetlands throughout the tour.

Banded Stilt (E)*Cladorhynchus leucocephalus*

We enjoyed fantastic scope looks at two hundred birds at a salt pan at Avalon Beach, Melbourne. This is one of Australia's most nomadic species breeding in interior desert lakes and dispersing widely to certain coastal salt pans.

Red-necked Avocet (E)*Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*

Great scope looks at Lake Cullen and Lake Meron.

PLOVERS: Charadriidae**Banded Lapwing (E)***Vanellus tricolor*

Plover We enjoyed excellent close looks at two birds on our night drive at Deniliquin and another two in Tasmania.

Masked Lapwing*Vanellus miles*

Commonly seen throughout the tour.

Red-kneed Dotterel*Erythrogonus cinctus*

Recorded at six wetlands.

Grey*Pluvialis squatarola*

A single bird was seen at Newell's Beach.

Red-capped Plover (E)*Charadrius ruficapillus*

Recorded at Cairns Esplanade and at Lake Tutchewop.

Lesser Sand Plover*Charadrius mongolus*

Two birds were seen at Cairns Esplanade among the many Greater Sand Plovers.

Greater Sand Plover*Charadrius leschenaultia*

Up to six birds were seen at Cairns Esplanade.

Hooded (Plover) Dotterel (E) (EN)*Thinornis cucullatus*

A pair at Anglesea and another pair on Bruny Island. This is an endangered species due to habitat loss and predation by domestic animals.

Black-fronted Dotterel*Elseyornis melanops*

Seen on nine dates.

JACANAS: Jacanidae**Comb-crested Jacana***Irediparra gallinacea*

Recorded at several wetlands around Cairns and in the Atherton Tablelands area.

SANDPIPERS, SNIPES: Scolopacidae**Whimbrel***Numenius phaeopus*

Recorded at Cairns Esplanade.

Far Eastern Curlew*Numenius madagascariensis*

Up to six birds were seen well at Cairns Esplanade.

Black-tailed Godwit*Limosa limosa*

Six birds were scoped at Cairns Esplanade.

Bar-tailed Godwit*Limosa lapponica*

Small flocks were recorded at Cairns Esplanade.

Great Knot*Calidris tenuirostris*

Up to one thirty birds were scoped at Cairns Esplanade.

Red Knot*Calidris canutus*

Just three birds at the Esplanade.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper*Calidris acuminata*

We enjoyed five sightings at various localities.

Curlew Sandpiper*Calidris ferruginea*

Ten birds were seen at Cairns Esplanade and at Avalon Beach, Melbourne.

Red-necked Stint*Calidris ruficollis*

Good scope looks at Cairns Esplanade and at Avalon Beach.

Latham's Snipe*Gallinago hardwickii*

Three good sightings in the Atherton Tablelands and at a Billabong in the dry country

Terek Sandpiper*Xenus cinereus*

Just one recorded at Cairns Esplanade.

Grey-tailed Tattler*Heterosceles brevipes*

Great scope looks at Cairns Esplanade.

Common Greenshank*Tringa nebularia*

Just two sightings at Newell's Beach and at Avalon Beach.

GULLS: Laridae**Silver Gull***Larus novaehollandiae*

Recorded at all coastal sites throughout the tour.

Pacific Gull (E)*Larus pacificus*

Good looks at this endemic gull with its huge bill at Avalon Beach, Melbourne and in Tasmania.

Kelp Gull*Larus Dominicus*

Recorded at several sites in Tasmania.

Caspian Tern*Hydroprogne caspia*

Four sightings at widely scattered sites.

Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica*

Recorded on four days.

Greater Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*

Recorded on seven days including in Tasmania.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

Recorded at Cairns Esplanade, Cullen's Lake and Avalon Beach.

SKUAS AND JAEGERERS: Stercorariidae

Brown Skua *Stercorarius antarcticus*

We had good looks at two birds around the boat on our Kiama pelagic.

Parasitic Jaeger *Stercorarius parasiticus*

Also recorded on our pelagic tour.

PIGEONS, DOVES: Columbidae

Rock (Feral) Pigeon *Columba livia*

Commonly recorded throughout the tour.

White-headed Pigeon (E) *Columba leucomela*

A single bird was seen well alongside the road on our drive from Lake Barrine to Chambers Rainforest lodge.

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*

This introduced species was seen at several sites throughout the tour.

Brown Cuckoo-Dove (E) *Macropygia phasianella*

Small numbers around Cairns and the Atherton Tablelands.

[Pacific] Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*

Seen on the roads on the drive to and from Chambers Rainforest Lodge and at O Reilly's near Brisbane.

Common Bronzewing (E) *Phaps chalcoptera*

Recorded on eight days.

Crested Pigeon (E) *Geophaps lophotes*

Commonly seen throughout the tour.

Squatter Pigeon (E) *Geophaps scripta*

Several of these nomadic and dry country species were found at Granite Rock in the dry country near Mareeba.

Wonga Pigeon (E) *Leucosarcia melanoleuca*

Close looks at this confiding beauty at O Reilly's Resort, Lamington NP.

Rose-crowned Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus regina*

Only one brief sighting.

Peaceful Dove *Geopelia placida*

Common, seen throughout the East.

Bar-shouldered Dove *Geopelia humeralis*

Recorded around Cairns and the Daintree River area. Also, at Binya State Forest

Wompoo Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus magnificus*

Great looks at several birds at Chambers Forest Lodge and at Daintree River.

Superb Fruit Dove (H) *Ptilinopus superbus*

Heard calling at Chambers Forest Lodge.

Torresian Imperial Pigeon *Ducula bicolor*

This strikingly plumaged bird was commonly seen around Cairns, the Atherton Tablelands and at Daintree River.

Topknot Pigeon (E) *Lopholaimus antarcticus*

This pigeon with the strange “hairdo” was seen in flight in the Atherton Tablelands, with further views at O Reilly’s Lodge, Lamington NP.

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae**Pheasant Coucal** *Centropus phasianinus*

Good views in were had in the lower reaches of Lamington NP.

Pacific (Australian) Koel (BE) *Eudnamys orientalis cyanocephalus*

After hearing it calls for several days, we eventually had excellent views at Daintree River. Also heard calling at Kiama.

Channel-billed Cuckoo *Scythrops novaehollandiae*

Two sightings of birds in flight. Heard calling at Daintree and at Atherton.

Horsfield’s Bronze Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx basalis*

Excellent views were had of a calling bird at Mt Korong.

Shining Bronze-Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx lucidus*

Heard at several sites and then seen at Innisfail and on Tasmania.

Little Bronze-Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx minutillus*

Good views at the Daintree River.

Pallid Cuckoo *Cacomantis pallidus*

Recorded in the Atherton Tablelands, at Lake Boaga and 2-3 birds at our lodge on Bruny Island, Tasmania.

Fan-tailed Cuckoo *Cacomantis flabelliformis*

First seen at Barren Grounds Reserve then recorded on a further nine occasions.

Brush Cuckoo *Cacomantis variolosus*

A singleton was seen in the Atherton Tablelands.

Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus optatus*

A brief you of a perched bird that flew off near Etty Beach.

BARN OWLS: Tytonidae**(Lesser) Sooty Owl** *Tyto multipunctata*

This bird came in quietly and perched above us at Lake Barrine!

Eastern Barn Owl *Tyto javanica*

Three birds were seen on our drive in the Hay area.

OWLS: Strigidae**Rufous Owl** *Ninox strenua*

Fantastic close looks at a single bird roosting in Cairns.

Southern Boobook *Ninox boobook*

Heard on several occasions and seen well at O Reilly’s, Lamington NP.

FROGMOUTHS: Podargidae**Papuan Frogmouth** *Podargus papuensis*

Found on our boat trip on the Daintree River, allowing close approach and excellent views.

Tawny Frogmouth (E) *Podargus strigoides*

We enjoyed fabulous looks at a pair in a small reserve in Victoria.

OWLET-NIGHTJARS: Aegothelidae**Australian Owlet-nightjar***Aegotheles cristatus*

Good looks at a roosting bird at Deniliquin.

SWIFTS: Apodidae**Australian Swiftlet (E)***Aerodramus terraereginae*

Commonly seen in Cairns, the Atherton Tablelands and Daintree area.

ROLLERS: Coraciidae**Oriental Dollarbird***Eurystomus orientalis*

Jonathan picked up a bird perched on a snag en route from the Daintree to Cairns.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae**Laughing Kookaburra (E)***Dacelo novaeguineae*

This iconic Australian bird was common throughout the tour.

Blue-winged Kookaburra*Dacelo leachii*

Two brief sightings for some in the dry country, Atherton Tablelands.

Forest Kingfisher*Todirhamphus macleayi*

Commonly seen in Cairns, the Atherton Tablelands and on the Daintree River.

Torresian (Collared) Kingfisher*Todirhamphus chloris*

Only recorded at Cairns Esplanade.

Sacred Kingfisher*Todirhamphus sanctus*

Seen on nine dates.

Azure Kingfisher*Alcedo azurea*

Singletons at Peterson Creek on the Daintree River boat trip.

Little Kingfisher*Ceyx pusillus*

A single bird was seen very well at Hasties Swamp and another zoomed past at Chambers Rainforest Lodge.

BEE-EATERS: Meropidae**Rainbow Bee-eater***Merops ornatus*

A common species and seen on twelve days.

FALCONS: Falconidae**Nankeen Kestrel***Falco cenchroides*

Commonly seen in grassland habitats.

Australian Hobby*Falco longipennis*

Singletons were seen at Kiama, Capertee Valley, and near Temora.

Brown Falcon*Falco berigora*

Recorded on ten dates.

Black Falcon (E)*Falco subniger*

A single bird was seen in flight at Boort. This is a scarce resident and highly sought after.

Peregrine Falcon*Falco peregrines*

Recorded in the Capertee Valley.

NOTE: IOC splits F. peregrinus into two species, Peregrine Falcon (F. peregrinus) and Barbary Falcon (F. peregrinoides) of SW Europe & N Africa. Clements doesn't recognize this split.

COCKATOOS: Cacatuidae**Cockatiel***Nymphicus hollandicus*

Ten of these nomadic birds were seen near Temora.

Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo (E)*Calyptorhynchus banksii*

Two sightings of these fabulous birds in dry eucalyptus woodland en route to the Atherton Tablelands were our only sightings.

Glossy Black Cockatoo (E)*Calyptorhynchus lathami*

A pair of these scarce birds were found at the Blue Mountains.

Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo (E)*Calyptorhynchus funereus*

Three sightings including the Capertee Valley and in Tasmania.

Galah (E)*Eolophus roseicapillus*

This beauty was commonly seen throughout the tour and enlivened many a day.

Long-billed Corella (E)*Cacatua tenuirostris*

We recorded the species on five days.

Little Corella (E)*Cacatua sanguine*

Not as common as the above species and often seen feeding in the same areas.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo*Cacatua galerita*

Always a treat and commonly seen throughout the eastern side of Australia.

PARROTS: Psittacidae**Superb Parrot (E)***Polytelis swainsonii*

Our first sightings were in flight with great scope looks later at the Murumbidgee River.

Australian King-Parrot (E)*Alisterus scapularis*

This strikingly plumaged species was seen well in the Atherton Tablelands, in Lamington NP and in the Blue Mountains.

Red-winged Parrot (E)*Aprosmictus erythropterus*

Two birds were found feeding on berries in the Atherton Tablelands.

Red-rumped Parrot (E)*Psephotus haematonotus*

Commonly seen in the Capertee Valley, Hay and Deniliquin areas, where we enjoyed many a close sighting of this small parrot.

Eastern Bluebonnet (E)*Northiella haematogaster*

A few birds were located in the Deniliquin area and at Boort, where we enjoyed great scope looks.

Green Rosella (E)*Platycercus caledonicus*

Good views in Tasmania.

Crimson Rosella (E)*Platycercus elegans*

First recorded in the Atherton Tablelands, with further sightings at Lamington NP and around Katoomba.

[Crimson (Yellow) Rosella] (E)*Platycercus elegans flaveolus*

Recorded in the Kerang area.

Pale-headed Rosella (E)*Platycercus adscitus*

Recorded only in dry woodlands at Granite Gorge.

Eastern Rosella (E)*Platycercus eximius*

Recorded from the Capertee Valley through to Boort, where it was seen in small numbers daily.

Australian Ringneck (E)*Barnardius barnardi*

Small numbers were seen daily in Temora, Beckom and in Kerang.

Swift Parrot (E)*Lathamus discolor*

Fabulous close looks especially at our lunch stop on Bruny Island in Tasmania.

Turquoise Parrot (E)*Neophema pulchella*

Simon found a striking male feeding in a grassy area in the Capertee Valley. A fabulous look!

Little Lorikeet (E) *Glossopsitta pusilla*

A small flock were seen well in the Capertee Valley.

Purple-crowned Lorikeet (E) *Glossopsitta porphyrocephala*

Good looks at Woodlands Historic Reserve at Geelong.

Rainbow Lorikeet (E) *Trichoglossus haematodus*

A beautiful and common species seen almost daily throughout the tour.

Scaly-breasted Lorikeet (E) *Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus*

Recorded in the Atherton Tablelands and at Daintree.

Musk Lorikeet (E) *Glossopsitta concinna*

Sixty-plus birds were seen congregating in a flowering Gum tree at Boort.

Double-eyed Fig-Parrot *Cyclopsitta diophthalma*

We had excellent looks in the Atherton Tablelands, including a very close pair at Lake Barrine.

LYREBIRDS: Menuridae

Albert's Lyrebird (E) *Menura alberti*

We enjoyed fantastic close looks at a very confiding male found feeding around O Reilly's Lodge, Lamington NP. Rob located a bird at lunch and managed to get us all onto this prized endemic. Well done Rob!

BOWERBIRDS: Ptilonorhynchidae

Green Catbird (E) *Ailuroedus crassirostris*

Good close looks at O Reilly's, Lamington NP.

Spotted Catbird *Ailuroedus melanotis*

We enjoyed daily sightings at Chambers Rainforest Lodge, Lake Barrine, and Curtain Fig in the Atherton Tablelands.

Tooth-billed Bowerbird (Catbird) (E) *Ailuroedus dentirostris*

Another songster seen daily at Chambers Rainforest Lodge, Curtain Fig, and Lake Barrine in the Atherton Tablelands.

Golden Bowerbird (E) *Prionodura newtoniana*

We were ecstatic when a magnificent male allowed close approach at his bower. We were dazzled by his striking plumage as he sat on a branch nearby, unconcerned by our presence!

Regent Bowerbird (E) *Sericulus chrysocephalus*

We enjoyed fabulously close looks, at over-the-top dazzling males and several camouflaged females at O Reilly's in Lamington NP. Our only sightings of the tour.

Satin Bowerbird (E) *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*

We once again enjoyed fabulous close looks at several confiding birds adding sticks to their bowers at O Reilly's, Lamington NP. These birds had several blue items including clothes pegs and bottle tops as the chosen colours to enhance the display area for female admirers.

Great Bowerbird (E) *Chlamydera nuchalis*

Recorded in the dry country around Granite Rock near Malanda. A dull looking bird but the purple patch on the back of the head was seen well.

AUSTRALASIAN TREECREEPERS: Climacteridae

White-throated Treecreeper (E) *Cormobates leucophaeus*

Seven sightings, with our first at Chambers Forest Lodge, Atherton Tablelands.

Red-browed Treecreeper (E) *Climacterus rufus*

We had good looks at this scarce species in the Wombat State Forest.

Brown Treecreeper (E) *Climacteris picumnus*

First recorded in the Capertee Valley, where we watched a family group feeding among fallen trees, with further sightings in woodlands around Bendigo.

AUSTRALASIAN WRENS: Maluridae**Lovely Fairywren (E)** *Malurus amabilis*

We had excellent looks at this scarce rainforest species at Jullatten.

Variiegated Fairywren (E) *Malurus lamberti*

Two sightings of these gems at O Reilly's, Lamington NP and at Buderoo NP.

Superb Fairywren (E) *Malurus cyaneus*

This beautiful bird was recorded on fourteen dates in eastern Australia and Tasmania.

Splendid Fairywren (E) *Malurus splendens*

Great looks in dry country en route to Hay.

Red-backed Fairywren (E) *Malurus melanocephalus*

Good looks in dry country in the grasslands in the Atherton Tablelands.

White-winged Fairywren (E) *Malurus leucopterus*

We enjoyed good looks at a striking male and female birds in dry grasslands on the Hay Plains.

Southern Emuwren (E) *Stipiturus malachurus*

We had good looks at two birds in Barren Grounds Reserve near Kiama and near Anglesea

HONEYEATERS: Meliphagidae**Black Honeyeater (E)** *Sugomel niger*

Good views of a few birds attending flowers in the Kerang area

Dusky Myzomela *Myzomela obscura*

Common around Cairns and the Daintree River.

Scarlet Myzomela (E) *Myzomela sanguinolenta*

This attractively plumaged bird was seen well around the Atherton Tablelands.

Tawny-crowned Honeyeater (E) *Gliciphila melanops*

Good looks at a reserve near Bendigo.

Eastern Spinebill (E) *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*

This stunning honeyeater was pleasantly common and seen on eight dates. Also seen in Tasmania.

Banded Honeyeater (E) *Cissomela pectoralis*

Good looks in the dry country at Wandella Creek.

Brown Honeyeater *Lichmera indistinct*

Commonly recorded around Perth, Cairns, Daintree River and the Atherton Tablelands.

Crescent Honeyeater (E) *Phylidonyris pyrrhopterus*

Recorded in Tasmania where seen daily.

New Holland Honeyeater (E) *Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*

Recorded daily in the east.

White-cheeked Honeyeater (E) *Phylidonyris nigra*

Small numbers in dry country around the Atherton Tablelands.

Painted Honeyeater (E) *Grantiella picta*

Great views at the Murrumbidgee River and at Mt Korang.

Striped Honeyeater (E) *Plectorhyncha lanceolata*

Good view in the Capertee Valley.

Macleay's Honeyeater (E) *Xanthotis macleayana*

Recorded in small numbers daily in the Atherton Tablelands.

- Little Friarbird** *Philemon citreogularis*
Good looks on five dates including Granite Rock.
- Helmeted Friarbird** *Philemon buceroides*
Common around Cairns and Daintree.
- Noisy Friarbird** *Philemon corniculatus*
A more widespread species that we saw on seven dates.
- Blue-faced Honeyeater** *Entomyzon cyanotis*
First recorded at Woodleigh Farm, Herbert River, with further sightings at Granite Rock, in the Daintree and in the dry country between West Wyalong-Hay-Deniliquin.
- Black-chinned Honeyeater (E)** *Melithreptus gularis*
Recorded in the Capertee Valley.
- Strong-billed Honeyeater (E)** *Melithreptes validirostris*
Seen well in Tasmania.
- Brown-headed Honeyeater (E)** *Melithreptus brevirostris*
Singletons in the Capertee Valley and at Mt Korang.
- White-throated Honeyeater** *Melithreptus albugularis*
Small numbers at Granite Rock en route to Daintree River.
- White-naped Honeyeater (E)** *Melithreptus lunatus*
Recorded on five dates.
- Black-headed Honeyeater (E)** *Melithreptes affinis*
Seen daily in Tasmania.
- White-eared Honeyeater (E)** *Lichenostomus leucotis*
Good looks in the Blue Mountains, Mt Kerang and around Bendigo.
- White-fronted Honeyeater (E)** *Phlyidonyris albifrons*
Fabulous looks at this scarce honeyeater drinking at a pool near Bendigo.
- Yellow-throated Honeyeater (E)** *Nesoptilotis flavicollis*
Brief but good looks in Tasmania.
- Orange Chat (E)** *Ethianura aurifrons*
This stunner was seen well at Lake Tuchewop.
- White-fronted Chat (E)** *Epthianura albifrons*
Small flocks were found around the Hay Plains and around Bendigo.
- Brown-backed Honeyeater** *Ramsayornis modestus*
Recorded around Abattoir Swamp and Cairns.
- Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater (E)** *Acanthagenys rufogularis*
Good looks at several birds in the Hay-Deniliquin and Mt Korang areas.
- Red Wattlebird (E)** *Anthochaera carunculata*
Seen daily from Sydney to Geelong.
- Little Wattlebird (E)** *Anthochaera chrysoptera*
Our only sightings were at coastal Kiama and at Anglesea.
- Yellow Wattlebird (E)** *Anthochaera paradoxa*
Seen daily in Tasmania.
- Bridled Honeyeater (E)** *Lichenostomus frenatus*
Seen in the Atherton Tablelands.
- Yellow-faced Honeyeater (E)** *Lichenostomus chrysops*
Recorded in Cairns, at the Capertee Valley and in the Blue Mountains.
- Yellow-tufted Honeyeater (E)** *Lichenostomus melanops*
This attractive species was seen well in the Blue Mountains and at Mt Kerang.

- Graceful Honeyeater** *Meliphaga gracilis*
Recorded at Etty Beach, Julatten and at the Daintree River.
- Bell Miner (E)** *Manorina melanophrys*
Fabulous views of several calling birds at a Lek in Glenbrook Forest.
- Noisy Miner (E)** *Manorina melanocephala*
A common species seen in the dryer country throughout the tour.
- Yellow-throated Miner (E)** *Manorina flavigula*
Good views at Beckom and near Kerang. A scarce resident.
- Yellow Honeyeater (E)** *Lichenostomus flavus*
Great looks around Cairns and Atherton Tablelands.
- Singing Honeyeater (E)** *Lichenostomus virescens*
Good sightings at coastal Lorne.
- Varied Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus versicolor*
Good looks in coastal forest in the Cairns area.
- Fuscous Honeyeater (E)** *Lichenostomus fuscus*
Common along the river in the Capertee Valley; these were our only sightings of this species.
- Yellow-plumed Honeyeater (E)** *Lichenostomus ornate*
Recorded at Mt Korong.
- White-plumed Honeyeater (E)** *Lichenostomus penicillatus*
Common along the river in the Capertee Valley, with further sightings in the West Wyalong-Hay-Deniliquin areas.
- Yellow-spotted Honeyeater (E)** *Meliphaga notate*
Seen well at Etty Beach, where its distinctive call was heard. Also recorded at coastal forest.
- Lewin's Honeyeater (E)** *Meliphaga lewinii*
Great looks at this species in the Atherton Tablelands and at Lamington NP.

BRISTLEBIRDS: Dasyornithidae

- Eastern Bristlebird (E) (H)** *Dasyornis brachypterus*
Heard only at Barren Grounds NR.
- Rufous Bristlebird (E)** *Dasyornis broadbenti*
Fabulous close looks on two occasions in coastal bush at Anglesea, Lorne

PARDALOTES: Pardalotidae

- Spotted Pardalote (E)** *Pardalotus punctatus*
Commonly heard and occasionally seen throughout the tour. The yellow-rumped 'Mallee form' was seen near Bendigo. Also recorded in Tasmania.
- Forty-spotted Pardalote (E)** *Pardalotus quadragintus*
Excellent close looks on Bruny Island, Tasmania.
- Striated Pardalote (E)** *Pardalotus striatus*
Recorded singly in the dry country from Lithgow to Geelong and in Tasmania.

AUSTRALASIAN WARBLERS: Acanthizidae

- Pilotbird (E)** *Pycnoptilus floccosus*
We only heard its distinctive call in the Blue Mountains near Lithgow.
- Scrubtit (E)** *Acanthornis magna*
Great looks at a pair in Cradle Mountain, Tasmania.
- Rock Warbler (E)** *Origma solitaria*
Great views of a pair in the Blue Mountains.

- Shy Heathwren (E)** *Hylacola cauta*
A bird was seen very well at Inglewood Reserve.
- Striated Fieldwren (E)** *Calamanthus fuliginosus*
Good views in grasslands in Tasmania.
- Atherton Scrubwren (E)** *Sericornis kerri*
Good views in Warigalla Farm, Atherton Tablelands.
- White-browed Scrubwren (E)** *Sericornis frontalis*
Commonly seen throughout the tour.
- Tasmanian Scrubwren (E)** *Sericornis humilis*
Good views at Cradle Mountain.
- Yellow-throated Scrubwren (E)** *Sericornis citreogularis*
Good looks in the Atherton Tablelands and close looks on the boardwalk at O Reilly's, Lamington NP.
- Large-billed Scrubwren (E)** *Sericornis magnirostris*
Fairly common in montane forests.
- Weebill (E)** *Smicrornis brevirostris*
A couple of pairs were seen in woodland at the Capertee Valley, at Mt Korang and near Bendigo.
- Brown Gerygone (E)** *Gerygone mouki*
First recorded in the Atherton Tablelands, with scattered sightings thereafter.
- Western Gerygone (E)** *Gerygone fusca*
Brief views at Binya State Forest.
- Large-billed Gerygone** *Gerygone magnirostris*
A pair was seen feeding chicks at a nest along the Daintree River.
- White-throated Gerygone** *Gerygone olivacea*
A single bird was seen well in the Capertee Valley.
- Fairy Gerygone** *Gerygone palpebrosa*
Great views in the Atherton Tablelands.
- Mountain Thornbill (E)** *Acanthiza katherina*
A pair was seen well in the Atherton Tablelands.
- Brown Thornbill (E)** *Acanthiza pusilla*
Three sightings only.
- Inland Thornbill (E)** *Acanthiza apicalis*
A pair were seen well.
- Tasmanian Thornbill (E)** *Acanthiza ewingii*
Good views in Tasmania.
- Buff-rumped Thornbill (E)** *Acanthiza reguloides*
A flock of six birds was seen in Bimbi Forest.
- Yellow-rumped Thornbill (E)** *Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*
Recorded near Capertee and in Tasmania.
- Chestnut-rumped Thornbill (E)** *Acanthiza uropygialis*
Four birds were seen well at Mt Korong.
- Striated Thornbill (E)** *Acanthiza lineata*
Recorded in Bendigo and at Anglesea.
- Southern Whiteface (E)** *Aphelocephala leucopsis*
A flock of eight birds was seen in open woodland at Temora, Hay and also recorded at Mt Korang.

AUSTRALASIAN BABBLERS: Pomatostomidae

- Grey-crowned Babbler** *Pomatostomus temporalis*
First recorded at Mt Korong.

White-browed Babbler (E) *Pomatostomus superciliosus*
Recorded in the Capertee Valley and at Mt Korong.

LOGRUNNERS: Orthonychidae

Southern (Australian) Logrunner (E) *Orthonyx temminckii*
Great views of several birds at O Reilly's Lodge in Lamington NP.

Chowchilla (E) *Orthonyx spaldingii*
We had excellent looks at a small flock feeding in leaf litter at Lake Barrine.

WHIPBIRDS & QUAILTHRUSHES: Psophodidae

Eastern Whipbird (E) *Psophodes olivaceus*
We heard this species in all the forests and had good looks at the Curtain Fig, Lake Barrine and at Chambers Rainforest Lodge, and confiding birds at the boardwalk at O Reilly's, Lamington NP.

BOATBILLS: Machaerirhynchidae

Yellow-breasted Boatbill *Machaerirhynchus flaviventer*
Having heard this species on several occasions, we enjoyed great views of this beauty at Chambers Forest Lodge in the Atherton Tablelands.

WOODSWALLOWS, BUTCHERBIRDS & ALLIES: Artamidae

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*
Common around Cairns, the Daintree area and around Bendigo.

Masked Woodswallow (E) *Artamus personatus*
Good numbers were found in the dry country of the Capertee Valley, Kerang and Boort.

White-browed Woodswallow (E) *Artamus superciliosus*
First recorded in the Capertee Valley and daily sightings thereafter.

Dusky Woodswallow (E) *Artamus cyanopterus*
A single bird was found in the Atherton Tablelands with further sightings in the Capertee Valley to Lithgow in small numbers in the eastern side of the country.

Black Butcherbird *Cracticus quoyi*
Great looks at ETTY Beach, the Botanic Gardens in Cairns, with further sightings at Chambers Rainforest Lodge.

Grey Butcherbird (E) *Cracticus torquatus*
Five widely scattered sightings Queensland to Tasmania.

Pied Butcherbird (E) *Cracticus nigrogularis*
First recorded in the Atherton Tablelands, with irregular sightings in dry country thereafter.

Australasian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen*
Commonly seen throughout the tour.

Pied Currawong (E) *Strepera graculina*
First recorded in the Atherton Tablelands, with regular sightings thereafter.

Black Currawong (E) *Streperafuliginosa*
Daily sightings in Tasmania.

Grey Currawong (E) *Strepera versicolor*
Recorded at Anglesea near Lorne and in Tasmania.

CUCKOOSHRIKES: Campephagidae

Ground Cucooshrike (E) *Coracin maxima*
We had excellent looks at a pair found along the road between Griffiths and Hay. A scarce resident.

Black-faced Cuckooshrike *Coracina novaehollandiae*

Commonly recorded throughout the tour.

Barred Cuckooshrike *Coracina lineate*

Small groups were seen daily at Chambers Rainforest Lodge and the Atherton Tablelands.

White-bellied Cuckooshrike *Coracina papuensis*

Singletons and pairs seen in Cairns, the Atherton Tablelands and at Daintree River.

White-winged Triller *Lalage tricolor*

Recorded in the Capertee Valley and at Boorooban.

Varied Triller *Lalage leucomela*

Seen well in the Atherton Tablelands and at Daintree River.

WHISTLERS & ALLIES: Pachycephalidae

Crested Shriketit (E) *Falcunculus frontatus*

Fabulous looks at a pair of these striking birds at Wondecella and in Binya State Forest.

Olive Whistler (E) (H) *Pachycephala olivacea*

Heard in the coastal forest at Angelsea.

Gilbert's Whistler (E) *Pachycephala inornata*

We had great looks at a male found singing at Mt Korang.

Grey Whistler (H) *Pachycephala simplex*

Heard at Jullatten.

Australian Golden Whistler (E) *Pachycephala pectoralis*

Recorded on twelve dates in the east.

Rufous Whistler (E) *Pachycephala rufiventris*

Recorded on eight dates.

Little (Rufous) Shrikethrush *Colluricincla megarhyncha*

Five sightings in the Atherton Tablelands at Warrigal Farm and at Chambers Rainforest Lodge.

Bower's Shrikethrush (E) *Colluricincla boweri*

This endemic was seen in the forest at Chambers Rainforest Lodge, Curtain Fig and at Lake Barrine, Atherton Tablelands.

Grey Shrikethrush *Colluricincla harmonica*

Recorded on eight days including Tasmania.

FIGBIRDS & ORIOLES: Oriolidae

Australasian Figbird *Sphecotheres viridis*

Commonly seen from Cairns to Sydney.

Olive-backed Oriole *Oriolus sagittatus*

First recorded in the Atherton Tablelands, with further sightings at Lake Mitchell and in the Capertee Valley.

Green (Yellow) Oriole *Oriolus flavocinctus*

First recorded at the Botanic Gardens in Cairns, with a further sighting at Daintree.

DRONGOS: Dicruridae

Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus bracteatus*

Recorded daily from Cairns to Daintree and Lamington NP.

FANTAILS: Rhipiduridae

Willie Wagtail *Rhipidura leucophrys*

This common species was much enjoyed because of its confiding nature and lovely call.

Northern Fantail *Rhipidura rufiventris*

A pair were seen well at Abattoir Swamp.

Grey Fantail *Rhipidura fuliginosa*

Recorded almost daily in the east including Tasmania.

Rufous Fantail *Rhipidura rufifrons*

Good looks at Jullatten, and then at O Reilly's, Lamington NP.

MONARCHS: Monarchidae

Spectacled Monarch *Symposiachrus trivirgatus*

This beauty was seen in the Atherton Tablelands and at Lake Barrine

Black-faced Monarch (BE) *Monarcha melanopsis*

Singletons were seen at Chambers Rainforest Lodge and at O Reilly's, Lamington NP.

White-eared Monarch (E) *Carterornis leuostis*

This scarce species was seen at Lake Barrine.

Pied Monarch (E) *Arses kaupi*

Two sightings at Lake Barrine Curtain Fig in the Atherton Tablelands.

Magpie-Lark *Grallina cyanoleuca*

This entertaining species was common throughout the tour.

Leaden Flycatcher *Myiagra rubecula*

A male was seen at the Kattana Wetlands.

Shining Flycatcher *Myiagra alecto*

Three pairs were seen on our Daintree River boat trip.

Restless Flycatcher (E) *Myiagra inquieta*

We had good looks at a pair on our lunch stop in the Capertee Valley.

CROWS: Corvidae

Torresian Crow *Corvus orru*

First recorded in the dry country at the Herbert River Crossing, with further sightings at Daintree and in farmland below Lamington NP.

Forest Raven (E) *Corvus tasmanicus*

A pair was found at Anglesea, Lorne and in Tasmania.

Little Raven (E) *Corvus mellori*

This species can be difficult to distinguish from the Australian Raven, until small flocks are seen and the calls distinctly heard! Seen in small flocks feeding in cultivated lands from Griffiths to Boort.

Australian Raven (E) *Corvus coronoides*

Recorded throughout NSW and Victoria.

AUSTRALIAN MUDNESTERS: Corcoracidae

White-winged Chough (E) *Corcorax melanorhamphos*

This ground-feeding species was commonly seen in the dry country, first in the Capertee Valley and then from Temora to Deniliquin. Their mud nests were conspicuous in gum trees.

Apostlebird (E) *Struthidea cinerea*

Another communal species found in dry country from Temora to Hay, often in the same areas as the above species.

BIRDS-OF-PARADISE: Paradisaeidae

Paradise Riflebird (E) *Ptiloris paradiseus*

Great looks at a male bird at O Reilly's, Lamington NP.

Victoria's Riflebird (E) *Ptiloris victoriae*

Fantastic looks at male and female birds at Chambers Wildlife Rainforest Lodge, with further sightings at the Curtain Fig and Lake Barrine areas.

AUSTRALIAN ROBINS: Petroicidae**Grey-headed Robin (E)** *Heteromyias cinereifrons*

Pleasantly common at Chambers Rainforest Lodge and Lake Barrine in the Atherton Tablelands.

Pale-yellow Robin (E) *Tregellasia capito*

A few sightings in the Atherton Tablelands.

Eastern Yellow Robin (E) *Eopsaltria australis*

Recorded at Abattoir Swamp, daily at Lamington NP and in the Blue Mountains.

Hooded Robin (E) *Melanodryas cucullata*

First recorded in dry woodland in the Capertee Valley with further sightings at Mt Korong.

Dusky Robin (E) *Melanodryas vittata*

Great views at our lodge near Cradle Mountain, Tasmania.

Jacky Winter *Microeca fascinans*

Singletons en route to the Herbert River Crossing. We then enjoyed good looks at two more in the Capertee Valley.

Rose Robin (E) *Petroica rosea*

Excellent close looks at a pair of these beauties at O Reilly's, Lamington NP

Pink Robin (E) *Petroica rodinogaster*

This beauty was seen in forest in Tasmania.

Flame Robin (E) *Petroica phoenicea*

Very good looks at our lodge in Tasmania.

Scarlet Robin (E) *Petroica boodang*

Great looks near Melbourne and in Tasmania.

Red-capped Robin (E) *Petroica goodenovii*

Recorded on seven days.

LARKS: Alaudidae**Horsfield's (Australasian) Bush Lark** *Mirafra javanica*

A singleton of this species was seen on our drive from Hay to Deniliquin and then en route Kerang.

Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis*

A displaying bird was seen in Tasmania.

SWALLOWS & MARTINS: Hirundinidae**White-backed Swallow** *Cheramoeca leucosterna*

We enjoyed good looks at this stunner hunting on the wing near Bendigo.

Welcome Swallow *Hirundo neoxena*

Recorded daily throughout the tour.

Fairy Martin *Petrochelidon ariel*

Small numbers seen around Cairns, Daintree River, Kerang and Hay.

Tree Martin *Petrochelidon nigricans*

Seen throughout the tour including Tasmania.

REED WARBLERS & ALLIES: Acrocephalidae**Australian Reed-Warbler (E)** *Acrocephalus australis*

Recorded in small numbers in reedbeds.

GRASSBIRDS & ALLIES: Megaluridae**Rufous Songlark (E)***Megalurus mathewsi*

We enjoyed great views of displaying birds in the Capertee Valley.

Brown Songlark (E)*Megalurus cruralis*

Great views of two in the late afternoon and on our night drive in Deniliquin and at Boort.

Little Grassbird (E)*Megalurus gramineus*

Great views at Moulemaine and near Bendigo.

CISTICOLAS & ALLIES: Cisticolidae**Golden-headed Cisticola***Cisticola exilis*

A singleton was seen well in grasslands in the Atherton Tablelands.

WHITE-EYES: Zosteropidae**Silver-eye***Zosterops lateralis*

Recorded throughout the tour.

STARLINGS: Sturnidae**Metallic Starling***Aplonis metallica*

Recorded in small flocks in the Cairns and Daintree area.

Common Myna*Acridotheres tristis*

Recorded on most days of the tour.

European Starling*Sturnus vulgaris*

Commonly recorded from Sydney to Deniliquin.

THRUSHES: Turdidae**Bassian Thrush (E)***Zoothera lunulata*

Fabulous looks at O Reilly's, Lamington NP and on the road near Anglesea.

Common (Eurasian) Blackbird*Turdus merula*

This introduced species was seen widely in towns from Sydney to Bendigo.

FLOWERPECKERS: Dicaeidae**Mistletoebird***Dicaeum hirundinaceum*

Recorded in Cairns, Atherton Tablelands, Binya State Forest and at Mt Korang.

SUNBIRDS: Nectariniidae**Olive-backed Sunbird***Cinnyris jugularis*

Commonly seen around Cairns and the Daintree areas.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae**House Sparrow***Passer domesticus*

Commonly found around human settlements.

WAXBILLS & ALLIES: Estrildidae**Beautiful Firetail (E)***Stagnopleura bella*

Great views on Bruny Island in Tasmania.

Diamond Firetail (E)*Stagonopleura guttata*

We enjoyed fabulous close looks at this stunner in the Capertee Valley and three at Mt Korang.

Red-browed Finch (E) *Neochmia temporalis*
First seen at a cafeteria at Lake Eacham and then on a further five dates.

Crimson Finch *Neochmia phaeton*
A pair were found in grassland near the Cattana Wetlands in the Cairns area.

Plum-headed Finch (E) *Neochmia modesta*
Excellent looks in the Capertee Valley

Double-barred Finch (E) *Taeniopygia bichenovii*
First recorded at our lunch stop at the Granite Rock with a further sighting at in the Capertee Valley.

Scaly-breasted (Nutmeg) Mannikin *Lonchura punctulata*
Good views in the Atherton Tablelands.

Chestnut-breasted Munia *Lonchura castaneothorax*
Recorded in grasslands adjoining wetlands in Cairns and Atherton Tablelands.

WAGTAILS & PIPITS: Motacillidae

Australian Pipit *Anthus (novaeseelandia) australis*
Recorded in grasslands on nine dates.

FINCHES: Fringillidae

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*
This introduced species was seen in Lorne, Bendigo and at Loddon in Victoria.

Annotated List of Mammal Species

KOALAS: Phascolarctidae

Koala (E) *Phascolarctos cinereus*
Fabulous close looks at several of these iconic Australian mammals at the Kennet River near Anglesea.

PLATYPUS: Ornithorhynchidae

Platypus (E) *Ornithorhynchus anatinus*
Great looks at up to six of these bizarre creatures at Peterson Creek in the Atherton Tablelands.

MARSUPIAL CARNIVORES: Dasyuridae

Eastern Quoll (E) *Dasyurus viverrinus*
Recorded around our lodge rooms near Cradle Mountain, Tasmania.

Tasmanian Devil (E) *Sarcophilus harrisii*
Seen by all albeit briefly for some at our lodge in Tasmania.

ECHIDNAS: Tachyglossidae

Short-beaked Echidna (E) *Tachyglossus aculeatus*
Excellent close looks in the Capertee Valley and in Tasmania.

BANDICOOTS: Peramelidae

Long-nosed Bandicoot (E) *Perameles nasuta*
Seen at Chambers Rainforest Lodge in the Atherton Tablelands.

MUSKY RAT-KANGAROO: Hypsiprymnodontidae**Musky Rat-Kangaroo (E)** *Hypsiprymnodon moschatus*

We had excellent close looks at two of these mini-kangaroos on the roads around Lake Eacham and Lake Barrine.

KANGAROOS, WALLABIES & TREE KANGAROOS: Macropodidae**Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroo (E)** *Dendrolagus lumholtzi*

Fantastic looks at three in the Atherton Tablelands.

Agile Wallaby *Macropus agilis*

Seen on three days in the Atherton Tablelands.

Red-necked Wallaby (E) *Macropus rufogriseus banksianus*

Good looks at Chambers Rainforest Lodge and at Lamington NP.

Western Grey Kangaroo (E) *Macropus fuliginosus*

Recorded between Hay and Deniliquin in the east of the country.

Eastern Grey Kangaroo (E) *Macropus giganteus*

Recorded at the Herbert River, in Capertee Valley and at the Deniliquin and Kerang areas.

Whiptail (Pretty-face) Wallaby *Macropus parryi*

Recorded at the Herbert River area and at Lamington NP.

Common Wallaroo (E) *Macropus robustus*

Three seen well in the Atherton Tablelands

Red-necked Wallaby (E) *Macropus rufigriseus*

Recorded at O Reilly's and in Tasmania.

Red Kangaroo (E) *Macropus rufus*

These huge beasts were seen in the dry country around Hay and Deniliquin.

Mareeba Rock Wallaby (E) *Petrogale mareeba*

We visited Granite Rock, where we enjoyed close looks at several in this area.

Red-legged Pademelon *Thylogale stigmatica*

Recorded at Chambers Rainforest Lodge and at Lamington NP.

Red-necked Pademelon (E) *Thylogale thetis*

Close looks at several confiding individuals at O Reilly's, Lamington NP.

Tasmanian Pademelon (E) *Thylogale billardierii*

Seen at Cradle Mountain.

Black (Swamp) Wallaby (E) *Wallabia bicolor*

Recorded on three dates.

Rufous Bettong (E) *Aepyprymnus rufescens*

A singleton ran across the road while we were returning from our night walk at Jonathan's farm.

GLIDERS & ALLIES: Petauridae**Striped Possum** *Dactylopsila trivirgata*

This striking beast was seen nightly at Chambers Rainforest Lodge.

Sugar Glider *Petaurus breviceps*

Close looks at this cutie nightly at Chambers Rainforest Lodge in the Atherton Tablelands.

POSSUMS & RINGTAILS: Phalangeridae**Common Brushtail Possum (E)** *Trichosurus vulpecula*

We enjoyed good looks at the entrance walk to Warrigal NR.

Coppery Brushtail Possum (E) *Trichosurus vulpecula johnstonii*

Good looks on our night walk at Warrigal Preserve.

RINGTAIL POSSUMS: Pseudocheiridae**Lemuroid Ringtail Possum (E)** *Hemibelideus lemuroides*

Good looks at six on our night walk at Warrigal Preserve.

Herbert River Ringtail Possum (E) *Pseudocheirus herbertensis*

Good looks at a singleton at Warrigal Preserve.

Common Ringtail Possum *Pseudocheirus peregrinus*

Good views of four on our night walk at O Reilly's, Lamington NP.

Green Ringtail Possum (E) *Pseudocheirus archeri*

Seen well at Warrigal and at the Curtain Fig.

WOMBATS: Vombatidae**Common Wombat (E)** *Vombatus ursinus*

A singleton in the Capertee Vally and then up to ten feeding during the day at Cradle Mountain, Tasmania.

RABBITS: Leporidae**European Rabbit** *Oryctolagus cuniculus*

Scattered sightings, especially in the Hay/Deniliquin area.

European Hare *Lepus europaeus*

Seen at a few sites.

FOXES: Canidae**Red Fox** *Vulpes Vulpes*

A singleton near Hay.

DOLPHINS: Delphinidae**Common Dolphin** *Delphinis delphis*

Good views on our Kiama pelagic tour.

WHALES: Balaenopteridae**Humpback Whale** *Megaptera novaengliae*

Reasonable views at three on our pelagic off Kiama, NSW.

OLD WORLD FRUIT BATS: Pteropodidae**Spectacled Flying Fox** *Pteropus conspicillatus*

Seen by most of the group around Cairns.

Grey-headed Flying Fox *Pteropus poliocephalus*

Fabulous looks at a colony around Bendigo.

Other sightings:**Estuarine Crocodile****Eastern Water Dragon****Eastern Bearded Dragon****Boyd's Forest Dragon****Frill-necked Dragon****Blue-tongue Lizard**

Laced Monitor
Shingleback
King Skink
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Saw-shelled Terrapin
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