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Deserves Another"

# I.B.O.C. NEWS

The Newsletter of the ILLAWARRA BIRD OBSERVERS' CLUB INC.  
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Club's Aim: To join together people with a common interest who wish to further their knowledge and enjoyment of the birdlife around them.

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**Southern Boobook Owl**

*Photo Tera Wheway*

**WADER COUNT – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 8.30 am. at Windang.** Meet in the carpark under the pines. All welcome. Come and hone your wader identification skills. Bring morning tea

**CLUB MEETING Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September - 7.30pm** Fairy Meadow Community Hall - with a presentation by Nic and Daphne van Oudtshoorn, 'Birds and Beasts of Southern Africa' - a multimedia video and slide presentation. Come along and bring some goodies, and a cup for supper.

**MID-WEEK WALK Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Mangerton Park. Leader: Alan Cousins. Meet at 8.30am.** at the corner of Mears Ave and Eastern Ave, Mangerton. There are a few somewhat steep parts on this walk. Alan and Anne's phone number is 4283 3197 and mobile 0413 869 534

**MONTHLY OUTING Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September Crookhaven Heads and Lake Wollumbula**  
**Leader-Betty Hudson:** Meet at the Crookhaven Heads Boat Ramp carpark off Prince Edward Drive at 8.30am.

Travel south on the Princes Hwy to Nowra, turn left into the Greenwell Point Road. At Pyree turn right onto the Culburra Road. As you first come to the outskirts of Culburra passing the Police Station & Bowling Club on the right, turn left into Prince Edward Drive. Pass the turning to Orient Point and approx 1km further on turn left to the boat ramp carpark.

Bring a carry morning tea, lunch will be by the cars. After lunch we will make a visit to the entrance to Lake Wollumbula at the other side of Culburra. Contact Betty Hudson on 4236 0307 or 0432 892 945.

**Logrunner Survey Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30am - Leader: Martin Cocker** The walk will be in the Grevillea Park, which is at the end of Grevillea Park Road, Bulli, behind Bulli Showground. Meet at the carpark opposite the park gates

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** will be on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, at 7.30pm** at Martin Cocker's home. Those wishing to attend the the Committee Meeting are asked to contact him at the next Club Meeting or on his mobile 0418 429 132

**October 2009 NEWSLETTER** Deadline for articles for the next IBOC News is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Please don't leave your contributions to the last minute! Submit them by email to the editor: [cashman5@bigpond.com](mailto:cashman5@bigpond.com). or post them to 5 Madden Street, Fernhill 2519

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS** due 1st January each year: Family \$35, Single \$30, Junior \$10. Please pay Bronwyn Wilson, our Treasurer, by cash, cheque or mail order.

### EDITOR ?

After 4 years, the Editor has indicated to the President and the Committee, that he will finish up with the December 09 issue. Its been quite an learning experience - lots of last minute rushes, and ups and downs with the computer, but ultimately satisfying. Thank you to the many contributors and for those giving me much needed technical help.

If you are interested in this useful, challenging job, please talk to the President or the Editor

### TRAVERSING a tiny part of the TOWNSVILLE REGION Mike Morphet

It was Greg Grainger's ABC TV program 'Travel Oz' that inspired Carol and me to have a July holiday based in Townsville, the administrative capital of North Queensland. Our twelve days stay certainly didn't disappoint us, with daytime temperatures in the upper twenties and no rain. We clocked up almost 1200 kms, taking in a range of landscapes and touching on five of the six localities recommended by the Townsville Region Bird Observers Club (TRBOC) in their 'Birds of Thuringowa' flier, a copy of which I've passed on to our club. In our travels the most evident of bird

species were the Peaceful Dove, Black Kite, Australian White Ibis, Rainbow Bee-eater, Figbird, Spangled Drongo, Blue-faced Honeyeater, White-breasted Woodswallow, and Torresian Crow.

We visited the city's three botanical gardens. We were lucky to spot the Great Bowerbird walk through and around its bower in Anderson Park. Forest Kingfishers darted across the lagoon in the Palmetum, each time eluding my camera. Various parrots were beginning to settle down before sunset in the corner aviaries of Queen's Park, the

smallest and oldest of the three gardens. Much time was spent roaming Billabong Sanctuary zoo, a short drive south, where there were countless Plumed Whistling-Ducks. The Reef HQ Aquarium gave us a very absorbing contrast with a wide diversity of marine and coral species and colours. We made a few short walks along stretches of the Ross River and at Lake Ross Dam saw Brahminy, Whistling and Black Kites overhead and turtles and wallabies at the water's edge. At the viewing platform beside the borrow pits I was impressed by



Bird guide at Lake Ross Dam borrow pits

Travelling south, we ambled through the central parts of the townships of Ayr and Home Hill, separated by the Burdekin River and linked by the longest bridge of its kind in Australia. In the forecourt area of the Burdekin Theatre we were much impressed by the 'Living Lagoon' sculptures of brologas, magpie geese, osprey, rainbow bee-eater, python, Krefft's turtles and cane toad. Another sculpture well worth a look at is the 60m Gubulla Munda Dreaming carpet snake in the corner of Plantation Park. This sugar cane-producing country yielded my sole sighting of the Yellow-bellied Sunbird. A detour to Alva Beach, like those to Balgal and Bushland Beaches in the north, didn't add to my bird list, but gave different seascape perspectives.

Paluma Range National Park is at the southern end of the wet tropics and was the furthest north we went. Although it is hailed as 'cassowary country', we didn't see this megapode, but heard its calls off the Birthday Creek Falls track. (After seeing the National Geographic documentary on this species on ABC TV on 26<sup>th</sup> July, I suspect it was a female we heard.) In this area we also missed out on the Golden Bowerbird; not even a trace of a maypole

the bird guide in metal book form. Close by, a pair of Pale-headed Rosellas took off. North beyond The Strand (a hive of happy human activity) are Cape Palleranda and Town Common Conservation Parks. At the former we walked round the old Quarantine Station, and along the 7 km gravel road through Town Common we briefly visited the observation tower and Freshwater and Jacuna bird-hides, where flocks of Magpie Geese were very active before sunset. Also vocal in their own way was a pair of Yellow Honeyeaters on the way back.



Blue-winged Kookaburra at Horseshoe Bay Lagoon

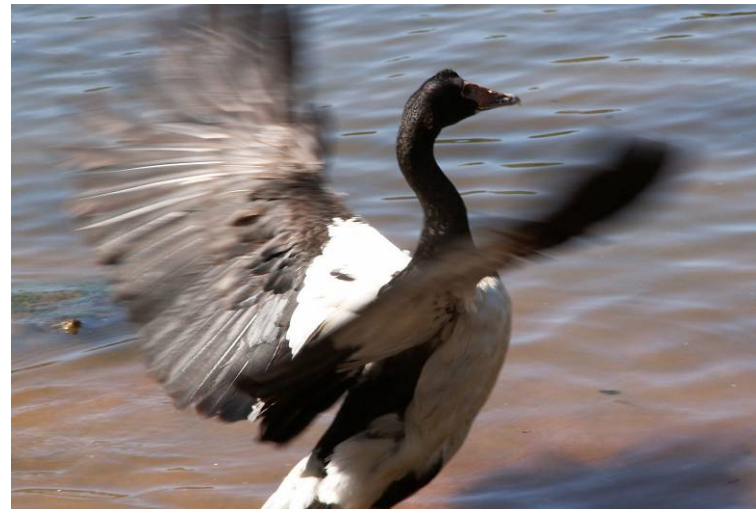
bower. The walks through the rainforest area surrounding Paluma compensated with good sightings of the Chowchilla (at the southern limit of its range) - good to compare with our Logrunner relative - and Grey-headed Robin. Yellow-wattled Australian Brush-turkeys checked us out at the McClelland Lookout, which offers a magnificent view across the coastal agricultural land to Halifax Bay and the Palm Island group.

We made two other hinterland trips, firstly driving across the Mingella Range to the goldmining city of Charters Towers, which takes obvious pride in its history and heritage buildings and where we picked up the Dusky Honeyeater. Double-barred Finches appeared in the grasses at Towers Hill Lookout. After refreshment at the Heritage Tea Rooms (formerly the Eureka Hotel and the oldest building in North Queensland) in the Herveys Range, we took the short woodland walk to Mason's Lookout, where you can see part of the former Greenvale to Yabulu railway line where nickel was transported. The Lemon-breasted Flycatcher and Fuscous Honeyeater shared this territory with passerines much more familiar to me.



Spangled Drongo's sunrise silhouette on The Strand

Fantasea Ferries took us over to Magnetic Island, which seems to be achieving a balance between nature conservation and tourism. Among the books kept at our rented cottage at Horseshoe Bay was Jim Flegg's *Photographic Field Guide*, which I hadn't read before, together with a flier with some very informative notes by Tania Schuett under the title of 'Cry of the Curlew'. On both nights in the garden I briefly encountered a Bush Stone-Curlew; the calls of this species from the surrounding paddocks and bushland regularly pierced the tranquillity. On the cottage walls geckos hunted insects, and a tiny frog of a similar colour lurked behind a drainpipe. We had daytime Helmeted Honeyeater and Torresian Crow visitors. An early



Magpie Goose & Kreff's Turtle at Billabong Sanctuary

morning walk along one side of the receding Horseshoe Bay Lagoon gave me good sightings of Magpie Geese and Blue-winged Kookaburras among the paperbarks. Of the three hilly island walks we did The Forts track was the most interesting with its relics of wartime buildings and excellent views of koalas and from lookout points.

Obviously, in the time available there was much we weren't able to see, not just birdwise. Ingham and Tyto Wetlands Centre in the north, Bowen at the southern end, Mount Spec and Bowling Green Bay National Parks, and the other islands of Dunk, Orpheus, Hinchinbrook and Bedarra all beckon. Another time, hopefully.



Gubulla Munda Dreaming carpet snake sculpture



Osprey: part of Living Lagoon sculpture Ayr

## Green Fleeces

Due to numerous enquiries the "Club" has purchased a further 12 IBOC fleeces available in sizes M, L, XL, 2XL. 5 have already been purchased so there are 7 left for sale. Please see Anne or Joan at the library table to purchase a high quality fleece with the club logo badge attached for \$35.90 (cost price).

## Wednesday Walk 12/8/09 to Tallawarra

18 members including an old past member, Terry Dunlea, arrived at the Tallawarra Power Station site on a fine day for a walk along Duck Creek to Lake Illawarra and around Ash Pond 3 and with the varied habitats and many sharp eyes we managed to record some 73 species. Several were added with some members having lunch by the warm water outlet with 2 Eastern Osprey sighted, one appearing to be a juvenile. This was just one of the good number of raptors sighted and, with the aid of Charlie's ever ready camera, an unusual Spotted Harrier was confirmed. Some also flushed a lone Chestnut-breasted Mannikin and it was good to see that some

Chris Brandis

White-fronted Chats are hanging on around the Lake wetlands. The warm weather also had a rather large red-bellied Black Snake slowly cross our path and we flushed a pair of Rusa Deer that must have come down from the escarpment.

Access to the area for members at any time is available by contacting Lloyd Townsend on 0423 840 410 during normal office time and arranging for a key to the gates to be available from the security office near the power station. A short induction may be required and signing in and out to ensure you are not in trouble will be introduced shortly

### Bird List

Black Swan	Spotted Harrier	Little Wattlebird
Australian Wood Duck	Swamp Harrier	White-fronted Chat
Australasian Shoveler	Nankeen Kestrel	New Holland Honeyeater
Grey Teal	Brown Falcon	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
Chestnut Teal	Dusky Moorhen	Golden Whistler
Pacific Black Duck	Black-fronted Dotterel	Grey Shrike-thrush
Hardhead	Masked Lapwing	Olive-backed Oriole
Australasian Grebe	Caspian Tern	Grey Butcherbird
Spotted Dove	Crested Tern	Australian Magpie
Crested Pigeon	Galah	Grey Fantail
Australian Darter	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Willie Wagtail
Little Pied Cormorant	Crimson Rosella	Australian Raven
Great Cormorant	Eastern Rosella	Magpie-lark
Little Black Cormorant	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Eastern Yellow Robin
Australian Pelican	Southern Boobook	Golden-headed Cisticola
Eastern Great Egret	Azure Kingfisher	Silveryeye
Striated Heron	Superb Fairy-wren	Welcome Swallow
White-faced Heron	Yellow Thornbill	Red-whiskered Bulbul
Australian White Ibis	Brown Thornbill	Common Myna
Royal Spoonbill	Spotted Pardalote	Mistletoebird
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Eastern Spinebill	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin
Eastern Osprey	Lewin's Honeyeater	House Sparrow
Black Shouldered Kite	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	White-fronted Chat
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Noisy Miner	
Whistling Kite	Red Wattlebird	

### CORRECT common names of Australian birds – CHECKLIST !!!

Birds Australia has a checklist of the correct current common names of all Australian birds. This is useful for members, but particularly when writing up outing reports it will be useful. Two hard copies of the list will soon be available in the IBOC library, one for reference, one for loan.

The Christidis & Boles 2008 Check List is also available on the IBOC home page <http://www.iboc.org.au/>

The list can be downloaded for personal use from this site (in .pdf or an Excel spreadsheet): <http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au/birds/checklist.html>

If you want any help with writing up an outing report, contact committee member Jill Molan 0439 134 827 or [jill.molan@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jill.molan@ozemail.com.au)

**The JOINT CAMPOUT with Birding NSW** will be held over the January Long Weekend 2010. It will be on a private property at Captains Flat. Keep it in mind. More details later from Jill Molan

## VALE – BETTY GIBSON

Long time members of the Club were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Betty Gibson, on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Betty was the wife of Doug, through whom the Club started up after the series of inspiring classes he ran in 1976 through WEA in Wollongong. During those early years our Club was very much dependant on Doug's guidance and involvement, his contacts and knowledge, and we were grateful of the support which Betty gave in encouraging his participation even though it meant time away from his young family.

Occasionally Betty and their two girls, Jacqueline and Terrie, were able to join in some Club activities and some long time members will remember the sight of the Gibson family struggling to put up their new family tent at the Condies Camp like grappling with an out of control meccano set. Until the girls moved away from home to further their lives and education Betty largely remained a behind the scenes supporter but the Club was grateful for her willingness to always provide a Christmas cake for members as part of the supper spread at the end of our December meeting as a means of showing her support for the Club and it's aims and friendships.

Betty nursed Doug caringly through a long illness and was very appreciative of the friendship and support which Club members showed through this difficult time. Following Doug's passing Betty was anxious to ensure a continuation of support and contact with the Bird Club. Not only did this happen through the direct friendships with many members but Betty also started attending meetings regularly and took on the role of issuing the name tags to members at the entrance door on meeting nights.

After many years in this role Betty found it increasingly difficult to drive at night and was eventually forced to relinquish her role and stopped attending meetings though her interest in the Club never wavered and she was forever grateful to those who had contributed to the formation of IBOC and the time, effort and enthusiasm which had evolved from the initial fillip of the WEA classes, particularly to Nola Williams whom she saw as such a valuable behind the scenes worker in the early success of the Club and Betty was always saddened that the Club had failed to fully recognise Nola's efforts at the time that Laurie Williams was made a life member.

## Peter Miller

Betty (nee Brown) was a well known and liked primary school teacher at Woonona and Bulli schools and possibly some Club members were taught or had their children taught by Betty. After their early days of marriage spent at Redmond Avenue, Thirroul, Doug and Betty brought an expansive block at Treetop Glen, Thirroul and built a lovely home amongst the gum trees with views out to the ocean. The home had cedar windows of which the local sulphur crested cockatoos were most appreciative. Many Club members were welcomed to their home for both social and scientific gatherings.

After Doug's passing, management of the property caused some concern to Betty as the gum trees were getting too big to manage and on more than one occasion sizeable branches were dropped on their roof and surrounds. I was the only beneficiary as they provided a ready source of firewood to The Millers! It took much worry and effort to persuade Council to allow major pruning and some removals and eventually this together with maintaining the property became too much for Betty and she suffered some serious health problems. The saving grace during these years had been her, now 5, grandchildren whom she spent much time looking after and reaping many hours of pleasure from sharing their childhood antics and development. Finally she accepted the need to move to a smaller property and at this time found it necessary to find new homes for some of Doug's bird books many of which Betty passed on to IBOC and it's members. Soon after she moved in, she was able to fulfil a long held desire to visit her daughter Terrie and family who had spent many years living overseas in France and Ireland. Betty travelled to Dublin but health problems curtailed her activities and on her return she moved into MacCauley House at Thirroul where she spent her final 2 years.

Betty never lost her desire to share news of the Bird Club and was always thrilled at the continuing growth and strength of the Club, well aware of both the knowledge which it's members had learnt and the friendships which it had encouraged.

We are saddened to have lost both Doug and Betty, they have been a major artery of IBOC from it's inception. Those of us who have shared their friendship, encouragement and support will always treasure the interest which they have started in so many of us as we continue to share the birdlife

around us and the friendship which has made IBOC a special club.

Personally I am saddened at the loss, as Betty and Doug had met my parents back in 1978 when they visited from the UK and Betty and my mother became good friends. In later years when my sisters, nephews and nieces visited Australia Betty always helped to entertain them and continued to take an interest in my family. I am particularly grateful to

Betty for the close friendship, interest and encouragement she has given to my wife Emily and I over the last 25 years and we are especially sorry to lose her. We are left with many happy memories from a long time friendship, as will be many other members of IBOC. We send our condolences to her sister Mildred, and to Jacqueline and Terrie and their families, who will also be missing this lovely lady for many years.

## BOCA

At the last club meeting the President clarified the situation as regards to BOCA, (Bird Observation & Conservation Australia) of which our club is a member. BOCA is a relatively new organisation primarily based in Victoria. The great advantage for us of joining BOCA is that they carry a comprehensive Public Liability Insurance Policy for all club members. This saves our club some \$700 a year. At present though BOCA does not have a club membership scheme, so three individuals, the President, Secretary and a Committee member have joined on our behalf. Their joining fee has been paid for by the club. BOCA also have provided details of bird photographic workshops which they will be running.

## AUGUST MEETING – Talk by Roger Truscott

Our guest speaker at the August meeting was Roger Truscott who spoke to us about his 'Avian Adventures in Central America' with fellow IBOC member Chris Chafer earlier this year. Their trip started in Belize, formerly known as the British colony British Honduras, and Roger showed us some wonderful video footage, enabling us to enjoy first hand the way the birds moved and in some cases to hear their call. Belize is a birdwatcher's paradise with lush vegetation and over 500 different species of native and migratory birds. We were treated to excellent views of a succession of tropical bird species such as Tropical Mockingbird, Green Kingfisher, Acorn Woodpecker, Spectacled Owl and Swallow-tailed Kite. There was footage of three Black Vultures tearing at a carcass, and also of a most endearing Spider Monkey he found in a tree near to where he was staying. The Oscellated Turkey was an absolutely spectacular bird, but most amusing was the handsome Montezuma Oropendola

## Penny Potter

which tips itself upside down, or 'bows' when it calls!

In Guatemala Roger and Chris went to one of the largest archaeological sites and urban centres of Mayan civilization in the lowland rainforest at Tikal. This was once one of the major cultural and population centers of Mayan civilization. The settlement was abandoned at the end of the eleventh century and not rediscovered until around 1800 having lain undiscovered beneath the jungle for centuries. The city had no water other than that collected from rainwater and stored in underground storage facilities, and it is thought that this reliance on seasonal rainfall eventually led to its demise. (Perhaps there is a lesson for us all here!)

I would like to thank Roger for sharing his trip with us. We look forward to seeing his footage of Panama when he eventually gets around to editing it.

## IBOC Walk at Miss Badgery's - Sunday 16 August

An early start was the order of the day for 22 enthusiastic bird watchers. Frost was still on the grass around Berrima at 8am when some of us arrived. We met at the Wombeyan Caves Road to travel in convoy to Miss Badgery's property at the High Range. Miss Badgery met us at the gate and arranged to meet us later for lunch.

We drove a good way into her property along a dirt road through gates and across cattle grids. We had

## Terry Edwell

spectacularly grand views of mountains and ridges on our left. Many Australasian Pipits and Rufous Songlarks were seen, but identification wasn't easy while driving. At the end of the drive we came to the bush. As we got out of the cars, Eastern Rosellas and Noisy Miners greeted us

We started walking with wattle flowering everywhere. Very tall trees with beautifully marked trunks held lots of hiding birds. We could hear their

songs so as usual we all bent backwards and strained our necks to identify White-eared, White-naped and Yellow-faced Honeyeaters, Crimson Rosellas, Rose Robins, Brown and Striated Thornbills, Shrike-thrushes. Then morning tea was enjoyed. While walking back, some of us had good sightings of a Rock Warbler and a Spotted Quail-thrush. We then drove back to another section of the property where Miss Badgery, who is a very good 87 year old, joined us for lunch. The whole property needs rain. In some sections the grass is quite green, but most of the creeks are dry.

We didn't see a lot of birds in this section. There was some water lying in the creek bed which attracted some Red-browed Finches and thornbills. Noisy Miners were prevalent and could account for the lack of other birds. We saw a Grey Currawong being shunned by a Pied Currawong. There were lots of wombat burrows throughout this field along with a couple of dead wombats

It was a very enjoyable day and very kind of Miss Badgery to allow us to have our walk there. It's wonderful to have the opportunity to visit other bird habitats. Thanks to Betty, at this busy time for her, for organizing our walk

**Bird List**

Australian Wood Duck	Brown Thornbill	Australian Magpie
Grey Teal	Spotted Pardalote	Pied Currawong
Crested Pigeon	Striated Pardalote	Grey Currawong
Wedge-tailed Eagle	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	Grey Fantail
Nankeen Kestel	White-eared Honeyeater	Willie Wagtail
Masked Lapwing	Bell Miner	Australian Raven
Australian King-Parrot	Noisy Miner	Magpie-lark
Crimson Rosella	Red Wattlebird	Red-capped Robin
Eastern Rosella	White-naped Honeyeater	Rose Robin
Laughing Kookaburra	Noisy Friarbird	Pale-yellow Robin
Superb Lyrebird	Spotted Quail-thrush	Rufous Songlark
White-throated Treecreeper	Eastern Whipbird	Welcome Swallow
Red-browed Treecreeper	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Tree Martin
Satin Bowerbird	Golden Whistler – E Race	Red-browed Finch
Rockwarbler	Rufous Whistler	Australasian Pipit
White-browed Scrubwren	Grey Shrike-thrush	
Striated Thornbill	Grey Butcherbird	

**MEMBER'S SIGHTINGS-AUGUST 2009**

Compiled by Martin Cocker

SPECIES	No	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT	OBSERVER
Brown Quail	2	07-Aug	Excelsior, Thirroul	Grass/scrub	Mike Morphet
Bar-shouldered Dove	1	05-Aug	Greenwell Point	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Black-browed Albatross	1	18-Jul	Off Bass Point	Ocean	Lorraine Pincus
Black-browed Albatross	1	01-Aug	Off Coniston Beach	Coastal	Joan Zealey
Wedge-Tailed Shearwater	1	18-Jul	Off Bass Point	Ocean	Lorraine Pincus
Australasian Darter	5	25-Jul	Greenwell Point	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Australasian Darter	2	05-Aug	Greenwell Point	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Australasian Darter	6	09-Aug	Korongulla Swamp, Primbee	Swamp	Martin Cocker
Australasian Darter	1	23-Jul	Lake Illawarra Estuary	Estuarine	Carlos Sanchez
Australasian Darter	2	10-Aug	Macquarie Rivulet	Creek side	Carlos Sanchez
White-necked Heron	3	25-Jul	Jaspers Brush	Paddock	Nigel Jackett
White-necked Heron	1	07-Aug	Moss Vale Rd, Kangaroo Valley	Paddock	Nigel Jackett
White-necked Heron	2	09-Aug	Foxground	Paddock	Terry Edwell/ Betty Hudson
White-necked Heron	1	17-Aug	Berry Area	Paddock	Carlos Sanchez



Eastern Great Egret	13	25-Jul	Greenwell Point	Mangrove	Nigel Jackett
Cattle Egret	30	18-Jul	Woonona	Playing Fields	IBOC
Striated Heron	1	05-Aug	Greenwell Point	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Striated Heron	1	10-Aug	Macquarie Rivulet	Creek side	Carlos Sanchez
Little Egret	8	25-Jul	Greenwell Point	Mangrove	Nigel Jackett
Little Egret	20	11-Aug	East Woonona	Paddock	Mike Morphet
Eastern Reef Egret	1	11-Jul	Killalea SRA	Coastal	Chris Chafer
Eastern Osprey	1	25-Jul	Greenwell Point	Mangrove	Nigel Jackett
Black-shouldered Kite	1	05-Aug	Greenwell Point	Overhead	Nigel Jackett
Pacific Baza	1	05-Aug	Keoghs Rd, Kangaroo Valley	Forest	Nigel Jackett
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	2	25-Jul	Greenwell Point	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Whistling Kite	Pair	02-Aug	Windang Estuary-Surf Club	Pine Trees	Martin Cocker
Brown Goshawk	2	09-Aug	Killalea SP	Coastal Parkland	Carlos Sanchez
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	30-Jul	Tarrawanna	Bush/Paddock	Terrill Nordstrom
Collared Sparrowhawk	1	03-Aug	Jamberoo	Garden	Elizabeth Hudson
Grey Goshawk	1	01-Aug	Primbee	Bush/Lakeside	Charles Dove
Grey Goshawk	1	17-Aug	Bomaderry Creek	Bush	Carlos Sanchez
Spotted Harrier	1	12-Aug	Tallawarra Ash Ponds	Bush	IBOC
Swamp Harrier	2	15-Aug	Coomonderry Swamp	Swamp	IBOC
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	30-Jul	Coolangatta Mountain	Woodland	Nigel Jackett
Wedge-tailed Eagle	2	07-Aug	Budderoo National Park	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Wedge-tailed Eagle	1	22-Jul	Byarong Park (Mt. Keira)	Forest-Overhead	Carlos Sanchez
Brown Falcon	1	01-Aug	Coolangatta Road, Far Meadow	Bush/Paddock	Nigel Jackett
Brown Falcon	1	15-Aug	Coomonderry Swamp	Bush/Paddock	IBOC
Australian Hobby	1	15-Aug	Coomonderry Swamp	Bush/Paddock	IBOC
Australian Hobby	1	02-Aug	Windang Estuary-Surf Club	Pine Trees	Martin Cocker
Lewin's Rail	1	26-Jul	Cordeaux Road Mt. Kembla (Roadkill)	Roadside	IBOC
Pied Oystercatcher	7	25-Jul	Greenwell Point	Rocky Foreshore	Nigel Jackett
Black-winged Stilt	3	25-Jul	Berry's Canal	Wetland	Nigel Jackett
Black-fronted Dotterel	3	23-Jul	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Carlos Sanchez
Grey-tailed Tattler	2	25-Jul	Comerong Island Ferry, Berry's Canal	Estuarine	Nigel Jackett
Common Greenshank	1	23-Jul	Why Juck Bay, Lake Illawarra	Estuarine	Carlos Sanchez
Painted Button-quail	1	18-Aug	Mt. Keira Ken Ausburn Track	Forest	Carlos Sanchez
White-fronted Tern	1	09-Aug	Minnamurra Spit	Estuarine	Carlos Sanchez
Yellow-tailed Black-cockatoo	16	07-Aug	Budderoo National Park	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	16	08-Aug	Excelsior, Thirroul	Residential	Mike Morphet
Gang-gang Cockatoo	2	02-Aug	Bulli Tops	Bush	Terrill Nordstrom
Musk Lorikeet	3	30-Jul	Coolangatta Mountain	Woodland	Nigel Jackett
Musk Lorikeet	6+	01-Aug	Coolangatta Road, Far Meadow	Bush/Paddock	Nigel Jackett
Ground Parrot	1	25-Jul	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heath/Bush	Nikolas Haass
Barking Owl	1	25-Jul	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve ( Possible call )	Heath/Bush	Nikolas Haass
Red-browed Treecreeper	1	24-Jul	Irvines Rd, Kangaroo Val	Rainforest	Carla Jackett
Green Catbird	1	29-Jul	Ken Ausburn Track, Mt. Keira	Forest	Carlos Sanchez

Southern Emu-wren	1	25-Jul	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heath/Bush	Nikolas Haass
Eastern Bristlebird	1	25-Jul	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heath/Bush	Nikolas Haass
Eastern Bristlebird	5	07-Aug	Budderoo National Park	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Eastern Bristlebird	1	07-Aug	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Pilotbird	1	07-Aug	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Rockwarbler	2	06-Aug	Tallowa Dam Rd, Kangaroo Valley	Forest	Nigel Jackett
Fuscous Honeyeater	1	30-Jul	Coolangatta Mountain	Woodland	Nigel Jackett
White-plumed Honeyeater	14	01-Aug	Warilla Grove Shops	Park	Charles Dove
Scarlet Honeyeater	5+	30-Jul	Coolangatta Mountain	Woodland	Nigel Jackett
Scarlet Honeyeater	1	05-Aug	Greenwell Point	Bush	Nigel Jackett
Brown-headed Honeyeater	8	25-Jul	West Nowra	Woodland	Nigel Jackett
Logrunner	2	24-Jul	Irvines Road, Kangaroo Vaalley	Rainforest	Carla Jackett
Logrunner	2	26-Jul	Mt. Kembla Ringtrack	Rainforest	IBOC
Logrunner	1	24-Jul	Woonona Escarpment	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Logrunner	1	24-Jul	Grevillea Park, Bulli	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Logrunner	Pair	29-Jul	Bulli Escarpment	Rainforest	Wal Emery
Logrunner	3	25-Jul	Slackey Flat, Bulli	Rainforest	Tom & Joan Wylie
Varied Sittella	1	15-Aug	Coomonderry Swamp	Bush	IBOC
Crested Shrike-tit	1	24-Jul	Irvines Road, Kangaroo Vaalley	Rainforest	Carla Jackett
Crested Shrike-tit	2	01-Jun-08	Excelsior, Thirroul	Forest	Mike Morphet
Figbird	5m, 2 fm	09-Aug	Primbee	Garden Birdbath	Ron Imisedes
Restless Flycatcher	1	19-Jul	Hooka Point	Bush	Chris Chafer
Jacky Winter	2	05-Aug	Bangalee Reserve, Nowra	Bush	Sheila Emery
Rose Robin	1	06-Aug	Rainforest Section, Wollongong Botanical Gardens	Forest	Carlos Sanchez
Rose Robin	2	17-Aug	Bomaderry Creek	Bush	Carlos Sanchez
Reed-warbler	1	09-Aug	Korrongulla Swamp, Primbee	Swamp	Martin Cocker
Bassian Thrush	1	09-Aug	Upper Foxground	Garden	Terry Edwell / Betty Hudson
Bassian Thrush	2	14-Aug	Mt. Keira Ken Ausburn Track	Forest	Carlos Sanchez
Common Blackbird	1	26-Jul	Harry Graham Figtree	Parkland	Joan Zealey
Common Blackbird	1	07-Aug	Excelsior, Thirroul	Woodland	Mike Morphet
Mistletoebird	1	30-Jul	Coolangatta Mountain	Woodland	Nigel Jackett
Beautiful Firetail	1	25-Jul	Barren Grounds Nature Reserve	Heath/Bush	Nikolas Haass

Lots of records flooding in from you all and some good sightings of early spring and summer migrants. Here is the full list as processed by me, a selection of the unusual and interesting will appear in the Newsletter. Many thanks for all your records! Please send in your sightings to [cocker@speedlink.com.au](mailto:cocker@speedlink.com.au) and don't forget that these lists are on our website [www.iboc.org.au](http://www.iboc.org.au). Good Birding!

## Nomination Forms for Positions on 2010 Committee

These forms are included on the last page of this newsletter to allow time for completed nomination forms to reach the Secretary no later than midday on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009. These can be posted to the club mailbox or emailed to the Secretary.

If no nomination forms are received for a position, then nominations will be called from the floor of the Annual General Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

The positions to be elected are President; Vice-president; Secretary, Treasurer and 4 Committee Members.

## NSW and ACT Twitchathon - 31 October – I November 2009

### Proceeds to go to the BASNA's contribution to the Important Bird Area project.

This year's Twitchathon aims to raise money to assist in the management of the far western NSW Important Bird Areas. Money is needed to establish a fund that will contribute to the cost of setting up appropriate monitoring sites and methodologies and to establish monitoring regimes at each IBA. In addition the money may be used to provide funds to volunteers to cover the cost of fuel and other essential items, so that they will be prepared to travel out to these locations on a regular basis to survey and monitor the sites. BASNA hopes to involve bird clubs in the eastern part of the State in assisting in the monitoring project. These IBA sites include some of the Paroo River lakes, some of the ephemeral lakes around Tibooburra, and the various reserves of the far west that sample the different habitats of the plains and mountain ranges of the Region that provide habitat for Bourke's Parrot, various Grass-wrens, Quail-thrushes and Babblers, not to mention Freckled Ducks and migratory shorebirds and indigenous waders like Inland Dotterals and Banded Stilts.

### To join the Twitchathon Contact Pixie at the BASNA Office for your 2009 Twitchathon Kit

1. Contact Pixie at the BASNA Office for your 2009 Twitchathon Kit
2. Form a team with two or even a dozen friends and family and go birdwatching over this October weekend. You can travel anywhere in NSW and/or the ACT. See how many species of birds your team can find from 4 pm Saturday 31 October to 4 pm Sunday 1 November 2009.
3. Get sponsors. In the weeks before this event, persuade family and friends to sponsor you so many cents or even dollars for each species your team sees. You just need either lots of little sponsorships or a few big ones!

There are prizes for the most species seen by two winning teams in the Main Race and the Champagne Race Sections, as well as prizes for the most money raised, the rarest bird seen by an individual, and prizes for children. There are also prizes to the team that sees the most birds in the shortest distance travelled, providing that they see over 180 species in the Main Race and 130 species in the Champagne.

So don't think that you have to be an A class birdwatcher to take part. Whichever method you chose for your Twitchathon – the laid back (ie the Champagne Race), the deadly serious, or the donor only version, remember it is all about educating others into the importance of nature conservation, particularly the conservation of Australian birds.

**Alan Morris** Twitchathon Co-ordinator (For Birds Australia, Southern NSW & ACT)

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## Cape York, 2010 !!

Neil Wheway

Because of the interested number of people on the reserve list for the Cape York trip, I contacted the tour company for their view. They have suggested that when a first tour finishes, a second tour in the reverse direction will be possible

First tour dates are -- 28th August- 10th September - \$3000.00 each.

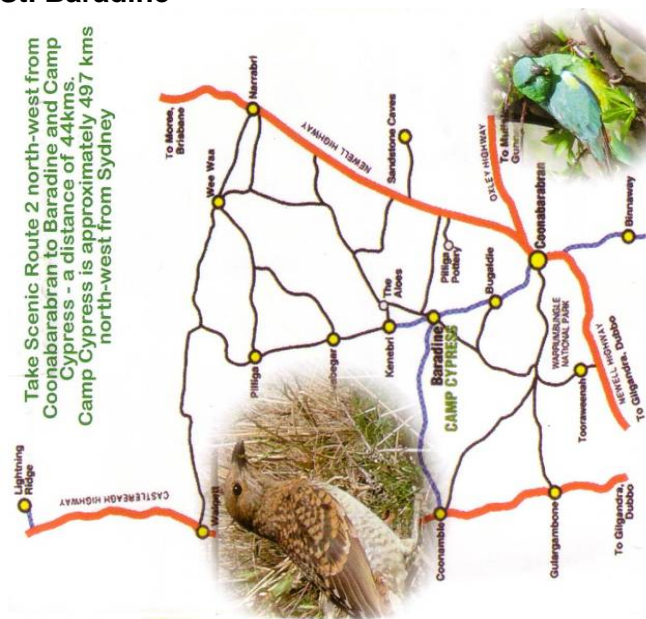
Second tour dates - 12th September- 25 September - \$3000.00 each.

At present 27 people have their names down. This would mean 13 on one tour 14 on another. If anyone else wishes to come, please let me know before or at the September meeting. The names may then be adjusted for tours.

The tour operators want firm commitments by the end of September 2009 so they can organise flights for the first tour from Cairns-Horn Island and if there is enough interest in the second tour, then Horn Island-Cairns. Obtaining these flights is a priority.

A deposit of \$250 is required: \$200 for air fare and \$50 for the tour. A booking form needs to be completed. This can be found at [www.outbacktracktours.com.au](http://www.outbacktracktours.com.au) disregard the camp stretcher fee, and single people disregard single tent fee. Please DO NOT send any forms or money to the tour company. The working group will collect them and they will be all sent together. Remember you are responsible for getting to and from Cairns and for any accommodation whilst in Cairns. Any more information or questions please phone me on H 42613230 – M 0409999394

# Baradine Camp 25<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009 Camp Cypress Lachlan St. Baradine



Travel from Wollongong via Blue Mtns/ Bathurst or Goulburn/Cowra to Dubbo and then on the Newell Hwy to Coonabarabran. From there take the Scenic Rd 2 to Baradine. Camp Cypress is at Baradine Showground in Lachlan St. Due to the distance to travel you will need to plan an overnight stay on your journey. If you have not already booked a cabin or camping/caravan site you will need to contact Camp Cypress on 02 6843 1035.

Note that the cabins do not have full cooking facilities, only basics such as jug, toaster, microwave & fridge. There is a BBQ located outside and meals can be purchased at reasonable prices from the dining hall on 24hrs notice. If you need an evening meal on your arrival you will need to contact Camp Cypress nearer the time and place your order. Any further details can be had by contacting Betty Hudson or consulting the March Newsletter Please advise Betty Hudson on 4236 0307 if you are coming and have not already done so.

*Illawarra Bird Observers Club Inc*

## **NOMINATION FOR OFFICE BEARERS - 2010**

The AGM will be held at the November meeting and nominations are invited for the following positions: **President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee members (4).**

Nominations should be received in writing by the Secretary 7 days prior to the meeting.

**\*\*This year nominations are requested by 19<sup>th</sup> October as the Secretary will be away prior to the meeting\*\***

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Members  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTE: All other positions are also available but these are not Committee positions and nominations are not required.**